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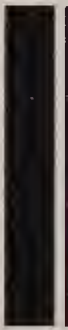


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GOVERNOR MARC RACICOT

Governor Marc Racicot, first elected in 1992, is Montana's twentieth governor. In 1996, he was re-elected with 79 per cent of the vote, the largest in Montana's history and the largest percentage in U.S. Governor's races in 1996. Born on July 24, 1948, in Thompson Falls, Montana, he graduated from Libby High School in 1966. He received his B.A. from Carroll College in 1970 and his law degree from the University of Montana in 1973. From 1973 to 1976, Racicot served as a prosecutor with the U.S. Army and taught law in West Germany. He returned to Montana to work as a deputy county attorney in Missoula where he founded the Missoula Drug Treatment Program. Gov. Racicot was an assistant attorney general from 1977 until his election as Montana attorney general in 1988. He serves on the Board of Directors for United Way, is a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Montana Law School and was a member of the Board of Trustees at Carroll College from 1989-1993. Marc and Theresa, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 1995, have five children.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JUDY MARTZ

Elected in 1996, Lieutenant Governor Judy Martz, a Montana businesswoman, was born July 28, 1943 in Big Timber, Montana, to ranching parents. She graduated from Butte High School in 1961 and attended Eastern Montana College. She represented America as a member of the U.S. World Speed Skating Team in Japan, in 1963, and as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team as a speed skater at the 1964 Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria. She was the catalyst for the creation of the U.S. High Altitude Speed Skating Center, located in Butte, and served as the Center's executive director from 1985 to 1989. Montana's first woman Lieutenant Governor worked as a field representative for Senate Conrad Burns from 1989 to 1995. For more than 25 years, she and her husband Harry have owned and operated a commercial solid-waste business in Butte. She served as vice chair of the board of directors for St. James Hospital and is a current board member, is a member of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, is a former member of the Montana Ambassadors and is a board member of the Legion Oasis HUD Housing Project. She and Harry, who were married in 1965, have two grown children--Justin and Stacey.



The Senate

Fifty-Sixth Assembly



BRUCE D. CRIPPEN
President of the Senate

Billings, District 10, Republican. He was born June 13, 1932 in Billings and is a Billings Senior High School graduate. Sen. Crippen received his bachelor's degree from the University of Montana, Missoula, and is also a graduate of the University of Montana School of Law and New York University Graduate School of Law. He manages real estate investments and is a U.S. Navy veteran. Sen. Crippen has served in Senate since 1981, including several sessions in leadership positions. He was minority whip in 1985-86; minority leader, 1991-92 and 1993-94, and President pro tempore in 1997-98 before being elected President of the Senate for the 1999 session. He and his wife Mary have four children.

John G. Harp - Kalispell, District 42, Republican. Born Sept. 26, 1952 in Vancouver, Wash., and came to Montana in 1954; Flathead High School graduate, attended Missoula Business College; businessman; served in House 1981-88, in Senate since 1989; minority whip, 1993-94, majority leader, 1995-96, 1997-98 and 1999-2000; wife's name is Kathy, they have two sons.



*John G. Harp
Majority Leader*

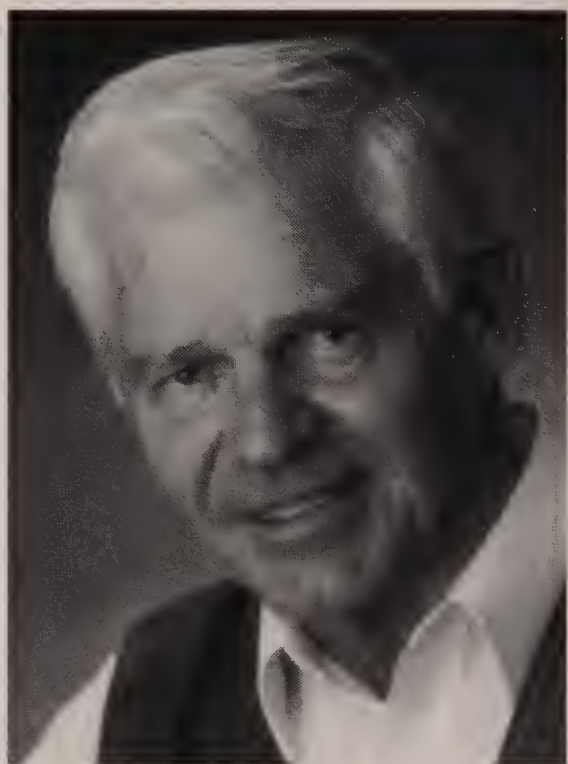


*Tom Beck
President Pro Tempore*

Steve Doherty - Great Falls, District 24, Democrat. Born May 5, 1952 in Great Falls; Great Falls Central High School graduate; B.A., University of Pennsylvania; J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School; attorney; served in Senate since 1991, majority whip, 1993-94, minority whip 1995-96, minority leader, 1999-2000; single.



*Steve Doherty
Minority Leader*



Don Hargrove
Majority Whip

Don Hargrove - Belgrade, District 16, Republican. Born March 16, 1933 in Bozeman; Gallatin County High School graduate; B.S., range management, Montana State University; M.S. in systems management, University of Southern California; aviation consultant and auctioneer; U.S. Defense Attache to Bolivia and contract adviser to the Colombian Narcotics Police; U.S. Air Force retired colonel; served in Senate since 1995, majority whip, 1999-2000; wife's name is Eloise, they have three sons.

Fred Thomas - Stevensville, District 31, Republican. Born June 27, 1958 in Hamilton; Stevensville High graduate; B.S. business finance, Montana State University; insurance-business; Stevensville School Board 1982-84; American Legislative Exchange Council former state chairman; MSU student body president, 1979; Professional Insurance Agents of Montana past president; served in House 1985-92, in Senate since 1997; Electrical Transition Advisory Committee, 1997-98; majority whip, 1999-2000; wife's name is Suzzie, they have three sons.



Fred Thomas
Majority Whip



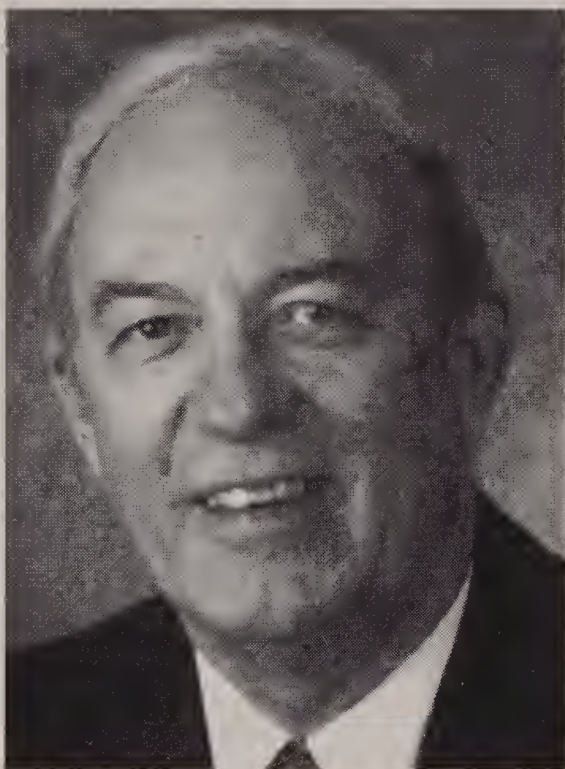
Linda J. Nelson
Minority Whip

Linda J. Nelson - Medicine Lake, District 49, Democrat. Born June 12, 1942 in Plentywood; Medicine Lake High School graduate; some college; farmer-legislator; Medicine Lake School Board former chair and member; served in House 1989-94, in Senate since 1995; House Highways and Transportation vice chair, 1989-90, House Agriculture chair 1991-92; Indian Affairs chair, 1995-96, Audit Committee chair, 1997-98; Senate minority whip, 1999-2000; husband's name is Roger, they have two daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

Sue Bartlett - Helena, District 27, Democrat. Born July 4, 1947 in Billings; Billings West High School graduate; B.A., history, Washington University, St. Louis; legislator; Lewis & Clark County Clerk and Recorder, 1983-91; Assistant Secretary of Montana Senate, 1991-92; served in Senate since 1993; husband's name is Gene Fenderson.

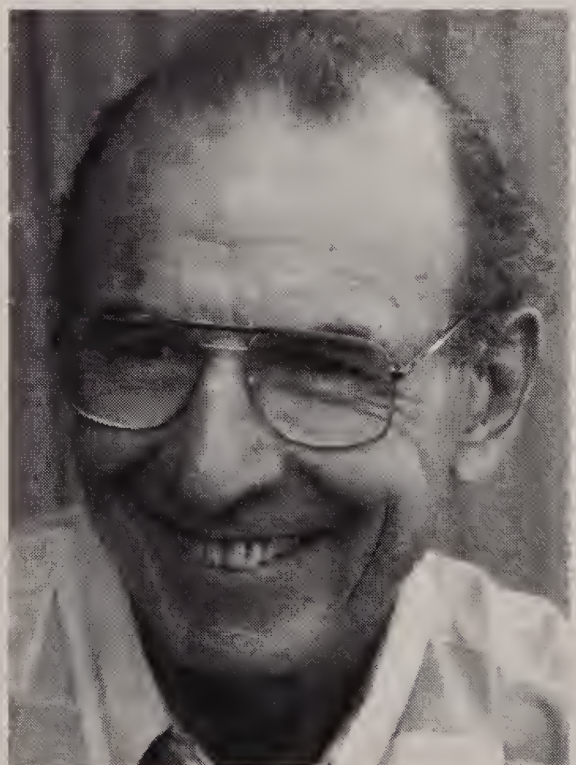


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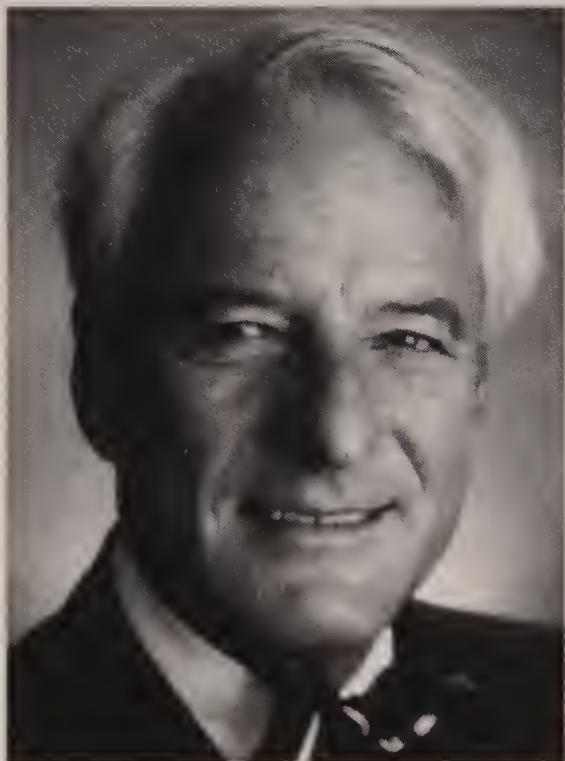
Dale E. Berry

Dale E. Berry - Hamilton, District 30, Republican. Born Feb. 6, 1939 in Sidney; Fairview High School graduate; B.S., University of Montana; real estate broker; Montana Board of Realty Regulation vice chair; Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce past president; Montana Coaches Assn. past president and Hall of Fame; Ravalli County Economic Development Authority past president; Air Force veteran, Air National Guard; served in Senate 1999; wife's name is Dorothy, they have two sons, Brian and Brad.



Al Bishop

Al Bishop - Billings, District 9, Republican. Born Feb. 19, 1925, in Laurel; Laurel High School graduate; J.D., University of Montana; attorney; Montana Fish and Game Commissioner, 1977-81; served in Senate 1987-1990 and since 1995; wife's name is Elayne; he has one son, one daughter, and two stepsons.



John C. Bohlinger

John C. Bohlinger - Billings, District 7, Republican. Born April 21, 1936 in Bozeman; Billings Senior High graduate, B.A., University of Montana; retired small businessman; past president of Yellowstone Arts Center, Billings Symphony Society, MSU-Billings Foundation and St. Vincent dePaul Society; director, Yellowstone Treatment Center; member of Billings Rotary Club and St. Patrick's Catholic Church; U.S. Marine Corps veteran; served in House 1993-98, in Senate 1999; wife's name is Bette J., they have 3 sons, 3 daughters and 13 grandchildren.

B.F. "Chris" Christiaens - Great Falls, District 23, Democrat. Born March 7, 1940 in Conrad; Valier High School graduate; B.A., chemistry, Masters of Human Service, University of Great Falls; licensing agent for World Wide Press, part-time professor, University of Great Falls, and consultant in substance abuse and criminal justice; BOS-PIC Chairman, 1984-88; served in Senate, 1983-86 and since 1991; majority whip, 1985-86; single.



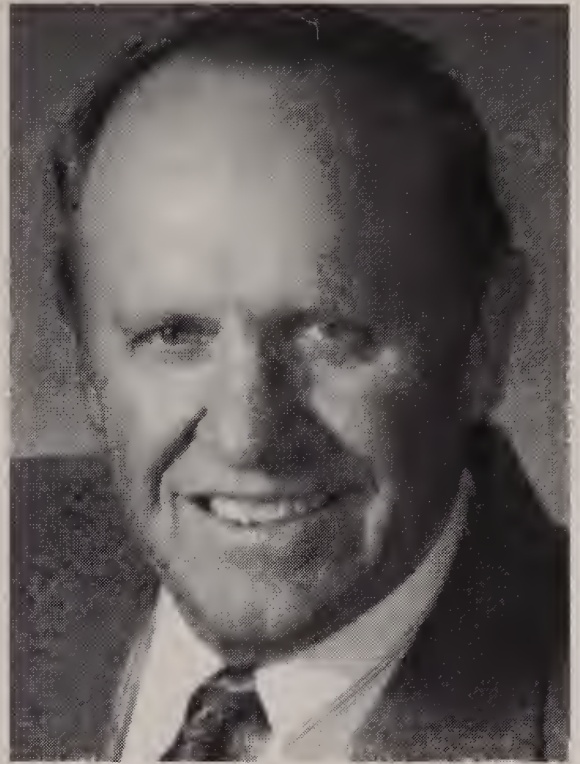
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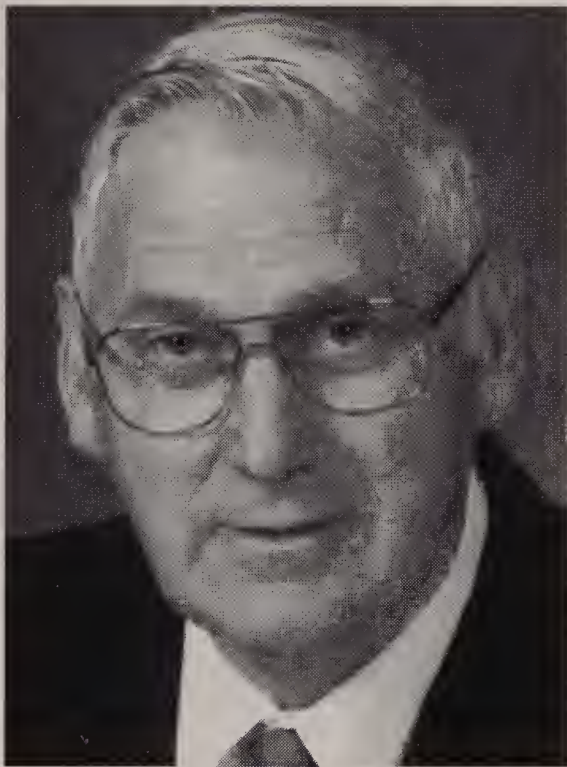
Vicki Cocchiarella

Vicki Cocchiarella - Missoula, District 32, Democrat. Born Dec. 19, 1949 in Livingston; Missoula Hellgate High graduate; B.A., M.A. University of Montana; claims adjuster for self-insured businesses; served in House 1989-98, in Senate 1999; House minority leader, 1997-98; Environmental Quality Council since 1993, vice chair; 1995-96, co-chair 1997-98; husband's name is Larry, they have two children, Cara and Mike.

Mack Cole - Hysham, District 4, Republican. Born June 4, 1936 in Forsyth; Hysham High School graduate, B.S., range management, Montana State University; M.S., international relations, Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management; former director of trust responsibilities, Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; served in Senate since 1995; wife's name is Judy, they have three children and nine grandchildren.



Mack Cole



William Crismore

William Crismore - Libby, District 41, Republican. Born May 9, 1933 in Hot Springs; Hot Springs High School graduate; owner of Crismore Logging and Road Maintenance Co.; Montana Logging Association past president; served in Senate since 1995; wife's name is Carol, they have a family of seven.

Robert L. "Bob" DePratu - Whitefish, District 40, Republican. Born July 21, 1939 in Eureka; Lincoln County High graduate; Kinman Business College associate degree, accounting; auto dealer and co-owner DePratu Ford, VW, Audi; North Valley Hospital Board; Whitefish Chamber Board, former president; volunteer fireman, fire chief, and president; Ford Motor Co. National Dealer Council, Governmental Affairs, New Products committees; served in Senate since 1997; wife's name is Bea, they have three children, 11 grandchildren.



Robert L. "Bob" DePratu



Gerry Devlin

Gerry Devlin - Terry, District 2, Republican. Born Sept. 11, 1931 in Miles City; Terry High School graduate; farmer-rancher; Montana Wool Growers Association past president; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 1981-88, in Senate since 1989; wife's name is Isabelle, they have three sons.



Dorothy Eck

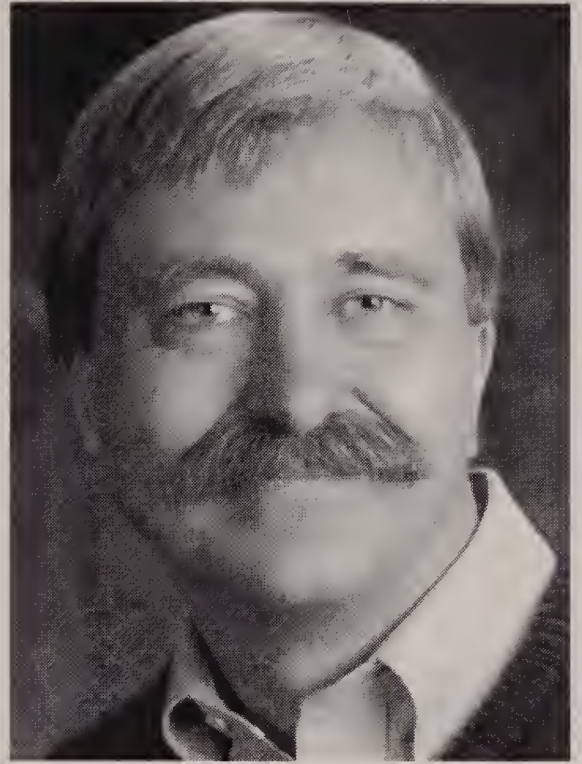
Dorothy Eck - Bozeman, District 15, Democrat. Born Jan. 23, 1924 in Sequim, Washington, came to Montana in 1946; B.S., M.S., Montana State University; small business; Montana Constitution Convention delegate, 1971-72; served in Senate since 1981; widow; she has a daughter.



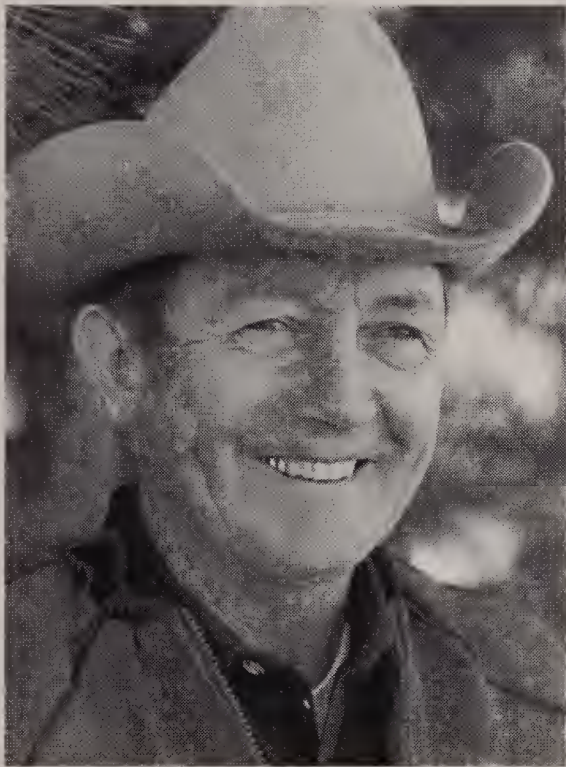
E. P. "Pete" Ekegren

E. P. "Pete" Ekegren - Choteau, District 44, Republican. Born July 18, 1936 in Havre; Harlem High School graduate; attended University of Montana; retired implement dealer; Dutton State Bank board chairman; Trinity Lutheran Church, Choteau, former chair and board member; Skyline Lodge Retirement Home former chair and board member; Choteau School Board former trustee; U.S. Army veteran, two years in Okinawa; served in Senate 1999; wife's name is Carol, They have three grown children, Craig, Michelle and Brent.

Jon Ellingson - Missoula, District 33, Democrat. Born Aug. 21, 1948 in Rochester, N.Y., came to Montana in 1970; graduate of Pittsford, N.Y., High School, B.A., Harvard University, M.A., University of Montana, and J.D., University of California; attorney; active in Missoula community and political organizations since 1975; served in House 1995-1998, in Senate 1999; wife's name is Kathy, he has three sons.



Jon Ellingson



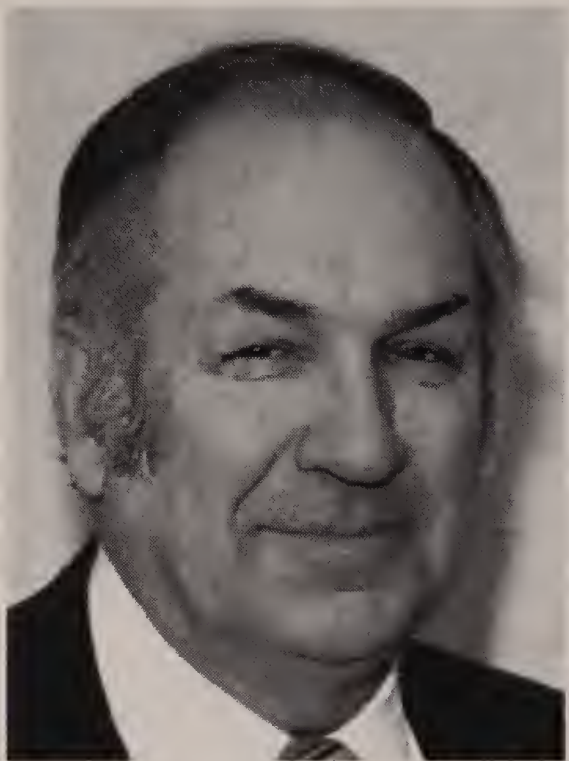
Alvin Ellis

Alvin Ellis - Red Lodge, District 12, Republican. Born July 11, 1936 in Red Lodge; B.S., animal sciences; rancher; school board trustee; served six months active duty and eight years reserve in U.S. armed forces, second lieutenant; served in House 1991-98; in Senate 1999; House education committee chairman, 1995, 1997; wife's name is Maureen, they have a daughter and three sons.

Eve Franklin - Great Falls, District 21, Democrat. Born Aug. 14, 1954 in New York, came to Montana in 1987; attended Earlham College and Herbert H. Lehman College, B.S.N. and M.S.N. in nursing; nurse-educator; served in Senate since 1991, minority whip 1997-98; husband's name is Les Nilson.



Eve Franklin



William E. "Bill" Glaser

William E. "Bill" Glaser - Shepherd, District 8, Republican. Born January 4, 1940 in Long Beach, California, and attended California schools; came to Montana in 1957; sound contractor; served in House 1985-1990, in Senate since 1997; wife's name is Patsy; they have six children.

Duane Grimes - Clancy, District 20, Republican. Born Sept. 17, 1957 in Spokane and came to Montana the same year; Harrison High School graduate; attended Colorado Aero Tech; B.A. and post graduate work in theology, Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina; personnel officer, Montana Department of Revenue; served in House 1993-98, in Senate 1999; wife's name is Connie, they have two sons and a daughter.



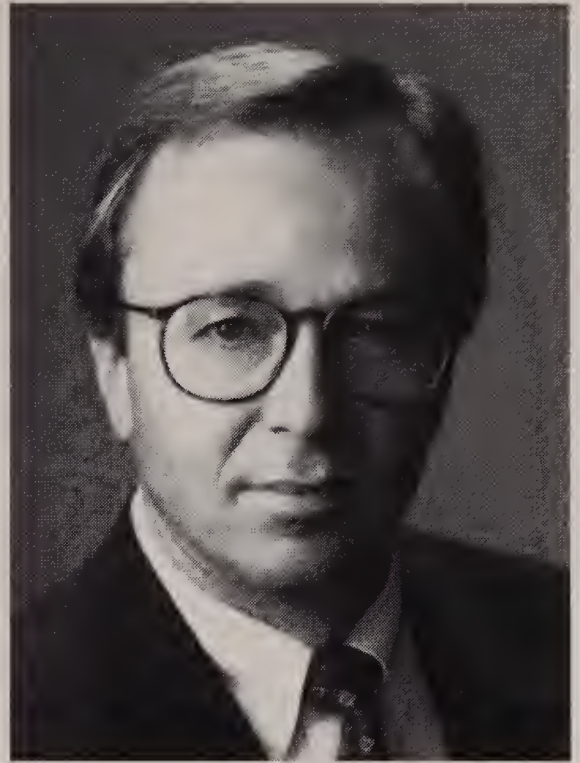
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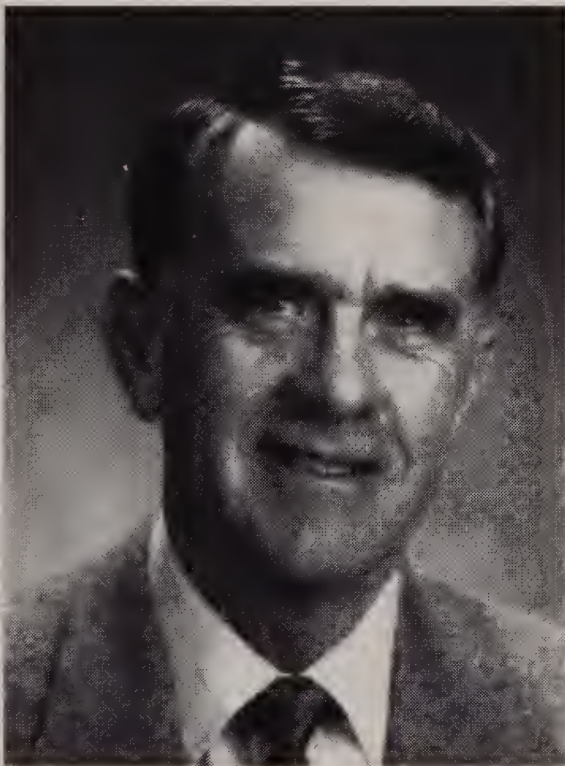
Lorents Grosfield

Lorents Grosfield - Big Timber, District 13, Republican. Born August 27, 1944 in Billings; attended St. Olaf College in Minnesota; B.A., business administration, Colorado State University; cattle rancher; Conservation District supervisor, 12 years; Montana Board of Natural Resources, 1989-90; U.S. Army Vietnam veteran; served in Senate since 1991; wife's name is Syd, they have three sons.

Mike Halligan - Missoula, District 34, Democrat. Born July 9, 1949 in Jamestown, N.D.; Billings West High School graduate; bachelor's, history and political science, University of Montana; masters, public administration, University of Montana; law degree, University of Montana; attorney; U.S. Army veteran; served in Senate since 1981; minority leader, 1995-96 and 1997-98; wife's name is Leslie, they have three sons.



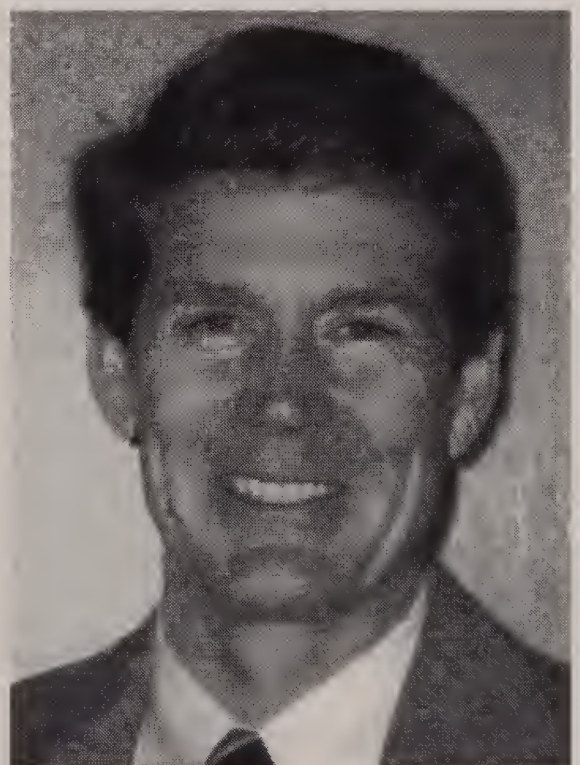
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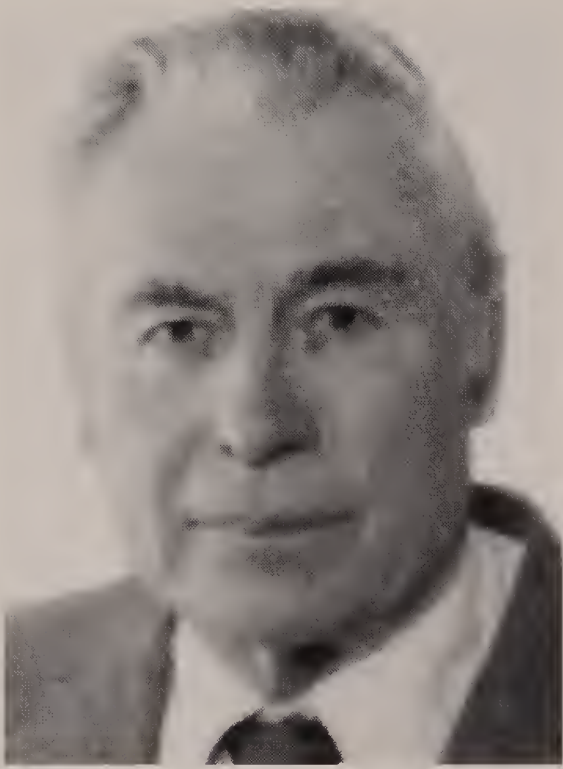
John R. Hertel

John R. Hertel - Moore, District 47, Republican. Born May 9, 1940 in Lewistown; Moore High School graduate; B.S., Rocky Mountain College; farmer-rancher; Moore School Board trustee, 17 years; Moccasin Experiment Station advisory board, 6 years; Moore Farmers Oil Co. board, 12 years; former bank director; former FmHA director; served in Senate since 1993; wife's name is Dixie, they have two daughters and a son.

Ric Holden - Glendive, District 1, Republican. Born Aug. 31, 1961 in Spokane, Wash., and came to Montana as an infant; Absarokee High School graduate, Montana State University business management graduate with minors in finance and marketing; farmer-rancher, insurance representative; member of Montana Wool Growers Assn., Montana Stockgrowers Assn, 4-H Leadership Council and National Rifle Assn; MSU Air Force ROTC; served in Senate since 1995; wife's name is Jan, they have three children.



Ric Holden



Reiny Jabs

Reiny Jabs - Hardin, District 3, Republican. Born May 4, 1929 in Lodge Grass; Hardin High School graduate; B.S. agriculture-education, Montana State University; farmer-rancher; past board member of Big Horn County FHA, SCS and ASCS committees and Hardin School Board; Big Horn County Electric Coop trustee; U.S. Air Force Korea veteran; served in Senate since 1995; wife's name is Monte Lee, they have four children.

Greg Jergeson - Chinook, District 46, Democrat. Born Dec. 29, 1950 in Havre; Chinook High School graduate; B.A. political science, University of Montana; MSU-Northern Foundation grants director; Montana Board of Investments, 1981-85; Blaine County Planning Board, 1983 to present; served in Senate 1974-1980 and since 1987; assistant minority leader, 1979-80; majority leader, 1993-94; wife's name is Barb, they have two children.



Greg Jergeson



Thomas F. Keating

Thomas F. Keating - Billings, District 5, Republican. Born Nov. 26, 1928 in Langdon, North Dakota and came to Montana in 1936; degree, business administration, Portland University; self-employed in petroleum industry; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in Senate since 1981; minority whip, 1991-92; wife's name is "Luke," they have four sons and one daughter.

Bob Keenan - Bigfork, District 38, Republican. Born March 11, 1952 in Salem, Mass.; came to Montana in 1982; Deerfield Academy, Mass., graduate and attended University of Massachusetts; owner of Bigfork Inn; Bigfork School Board trustee and chairman, Department of Corrections Advisory Council; served in House since 1995, Legislative Audit Committee; wife's name is Suzie, they have five children.



Bob Keenan



J. D. Lynch

J.D. Lynch - Butte, District 19, Democrat. Born Sept. 17, 1947 in Butte; Butte Central High School graduate, bachelor's, Western Montana College; master's, Northern Montana College; teacher; Western Montana College Outstanding Alumni, 1977; State Legislative Leaders Foundation board of directors; served in House 1971-1978, in Senate since 1982; president pro temp, 1991-94; wife's name is Shannon, they have two daughters.

Dale Mahlum - Missoula, District 35, Republican. Born June 12, 1930 in Bowman, N.D., and came to Montana in 1934; Corvallis High graduate; bachelor's, business administration-marketing, University of Montana; businessman; State Fund (Worker Comp) Board; UM Business School Advisory Board; Missoula County Fair Board; Montana Board of Horse Racing; U.S. Navy veteran; served in Senate since 1997; wife's name is Sue, they have five children



Dale Mahlum



Bea McCarthy

Bea McCarthy - Anaconda, District 29, Democrat. Born April 17, 1935 in Great Falls; Bozeman Holy Rosary High School graduate; B.S. Elementary Education, Montana State University; elementary teacher; Montana Board of Regents, 1983-90; Anaconda Prevent Child Abuse Council executive board member; served in House 1991-94, in Senate since 1997; husband's name is Edward, they have two daughters and two sons.

Walter McNutt - Sidney, District 50, Republican. Born November 8, 1940 in Worland, Wyoming, and came to Montana in 1957; Great Falls High graduate, B.S. Marketing & Economics, College of Great Falls; ag implement dealer; Richland Development Corp past president; Richland Airport Authority board; Richland Solid Waste District board; Montana Essential Air Service Task Force; United Bank of Sidney Director; Chamber of Commerce; Montana Air National Guard; served in Senate since 1997; wife's name is Karen, they have two daughters.



Walter McNutt



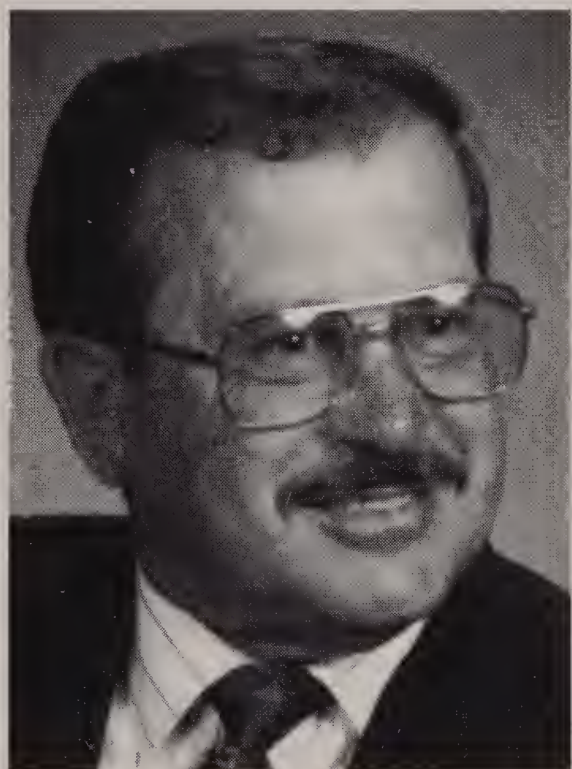
Kenneth Mesaros

Kenneth Mesaros - Cascade, District 25, Republican. Born June 17, 1950 in Great Falls; Cascade High School graduate; bachelor's, education, Montana State University; rancher; former School Board trustee and chairman; Montana Stockgrowers Assn. board; National Cattlemen's Assn. foreign trade committee member; Air National Guard, 1969-75; served in Senate since 1993; wife's name is Becky, they have three sons and one daughter.

Ken Miller - Laurel, District 11, Republican. Born Feb. 1, 1957 in Fort Collins, Colo., grew up on a dairy farm in Colorado and came to Montana in 1975; Fort Collins High School graduate and attended Fort Collins VoTech; roofing contractor, K & P Management; served in Senate since 1995; wife's name is Peggy, they have one son and one daughter.



Ken Miller



Arnie Mohl

Arnie Mohl - Kalispell, District 39, Republican. Born August 27, 1936 in Beulah, N.D., and came to Montana in 1952; A.A., Allan Hancock College, Santa Barbara, Calif.; paving and concrete construction company owner; U.S. Army veteran; served in Senate since 1995; wife's name is Maggie, they have two sons and four grandchildren.

Glenn A. Roush - Cut Bank, District 43, Democrat. Born Jan. 25, 1934 in Helena; Cut Bank High School graduate; attended Montana State University, Bozeman; retired from Montana Power Co.; Montana Vocational Education Council member; U.S. Army Korean Conflict veteran; served in House 1981-84 and in Senate 1999; wife's name is Ardith, they have four children.



Glenn A. Roush



Debbie Bowman Shea

Debbie Bowman Shea - Butte, District 18, Democrat. Born June 26, 1951 in Butte; Butte Girls Central High School graduate, attended Eastern Montana College, Montana State University and the University of Montana, B.S. in elementary education and master's in education; eighth grade teacher; served in House 1994-96, in Senate since 1997; she has two children

Mike Sprague - Billings, District 6, Republican. Born Jan. 14, 1944 in Cut Bank; Great Falls Central High School graduate; B.S., business, Eastern Montana College; business developer; past first vice chairman of Republican executive board, Republican precinct committeeman; U.S. Navy Vietnam War veteran; served in Senate since 1995; wife's name is Susie, they have two children.



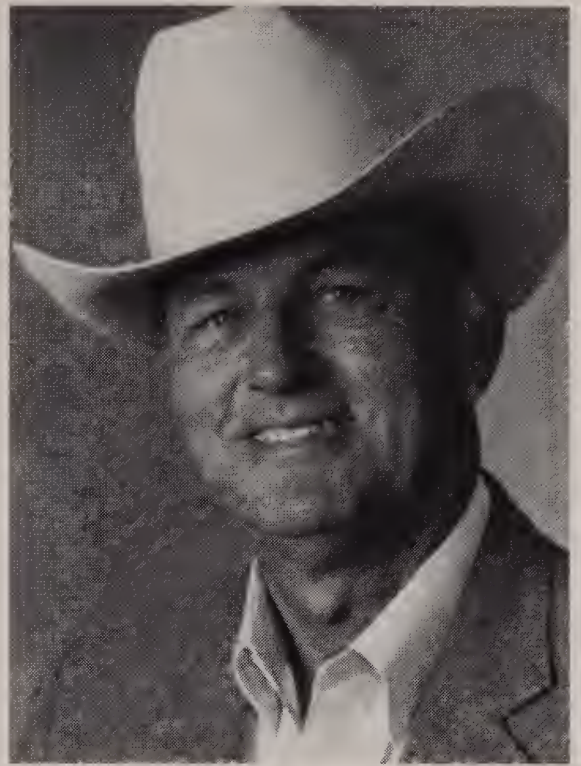
Mike Sprague



Barry "Spook" Stang

Barry "Spook" Stang - St. Regis, District 36, Democrat. Born Dec. 5, 1950 in Missoula; St. Regis High School graduate; B.A., accounting, Carroll College; retail grocer; Mineral County Tax Appeal Board, 1984-85; Mineral County Housing Authority chairman; served in House 1987-1992, in Senate since 1993; he has a daughter and a son.

Chuck Swysgood - Dillon, District 17, Republican. Born March 30, 1939 in Ohio and moved to Montana in 1980; attended Wooster, Ohio, schools; partner in trucking firm; Montana Vocational Education Advisory Council; former school board trustee; National Rifle Association life member; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in House 1987-92, in Senate since 1993; wife's name is Dorothy, they have two grown children.



Chuck Swysgood



Mike Taylor

Mike Taylor - Proctor, District 37, Republican. Born June 12, 1941 in Lewistown, attended Hobson schools for eleven years and graduated from Wilmington, Ohio, High School; businessman, agriculture, marketing, manufacturing; Lake County Republican past chairman; Rotary, Elks and Dayton Presbyterian Church member; Army National Guard; served in Senate since 1997; wife's name is Janna, they have two children.

Jon Tester - Big Sandy, District 45, Democrat. Born Aug. 21, 1956 in Havre; Big Sandy High School graduate; B.S. in music, College of Great Falls; farmer; Big Sandy School Board trustee; Chouteau County ASCS Committee; Big Sandy SCS Committee; served in Senate 1999; wife's name is Sharla, they have a daughter, Christine, and a son, Shon.



Jon Tester



Daryl Toews

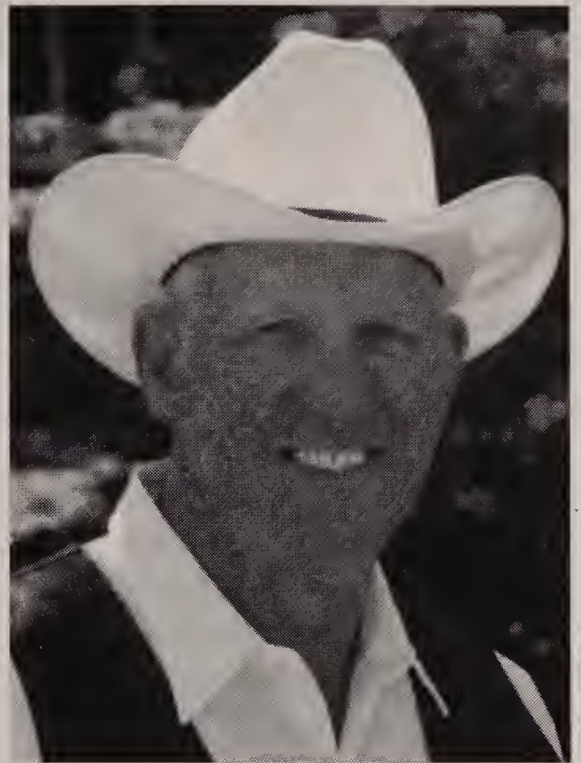
Daryl Toews - Lustre, District 48, Republican. Born May 24, 1949 in Glasgow; Lustre Christian High School graduate; attended Tabor College and Montana State University; realtor-farmer; School Board trustee, 9 years; Valley County Development Council and Chamber of Commerce member; Lustre Community Club chairman; served in Senate since 1993; wife's name is Jean, they have three daughters.

Mignon Waterman - Helena, District 26, Democrat. Born Oct. 13, 1944 in Billings; Billings West High graduate; attended University of Montana; legislator-community activist; Helena School Board trustee, 12 years; Montana School Boards Assn. president, 1990; Project Excellence Implementation chair; Revenue Oversight Committee, Postsecondary Policy and Budget Committee, Governor's Work Force Preparation Coordinating Council, School to Work Advisory Council; served in Senate since 1991; husband's name is Ron, they have two sons.

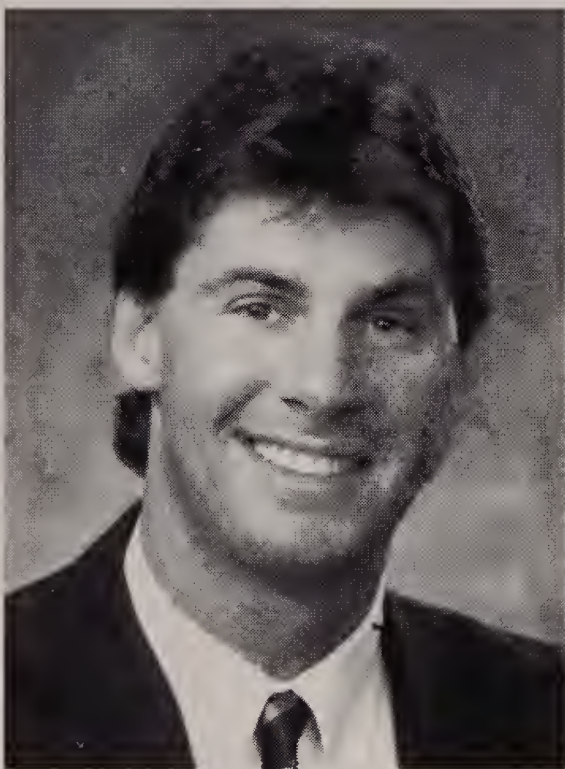


Mignon Waterman

Jack Wells - Bozeman, District 14, Republican. Born September 13, 1937 in Neihart; Great Falls High School graduate; B.A. engineering and M.S. electrical engineering, Dartmouth College; retired U.S. Air Force colonel; Montana Landlords Assn. National Rifle Assn. and Experimental Aircraft Assn. member; U.S. Air Force 30 years; served in House 1995-98, in Senate 1999; wife's name is Mary Gay, he has four sons, two stepsons and two stepdaughters.



Jack Wells



Bill Wilson

Bill Wilson - Great Falls, District 22, Democrat. Born March 28, 1961 in Great Falls; C.M. Russell High School graduate; attended University of Montana and College of Great Falls; Burlington Northern Santa Fe locomotive engineer; BLE State Board member; Montana Boating Advisory Council; served in Senate since 1993, Senate Labor Committee vice chairman, 1993-94; wife's name is Robin, they have a daughter, Brittany.

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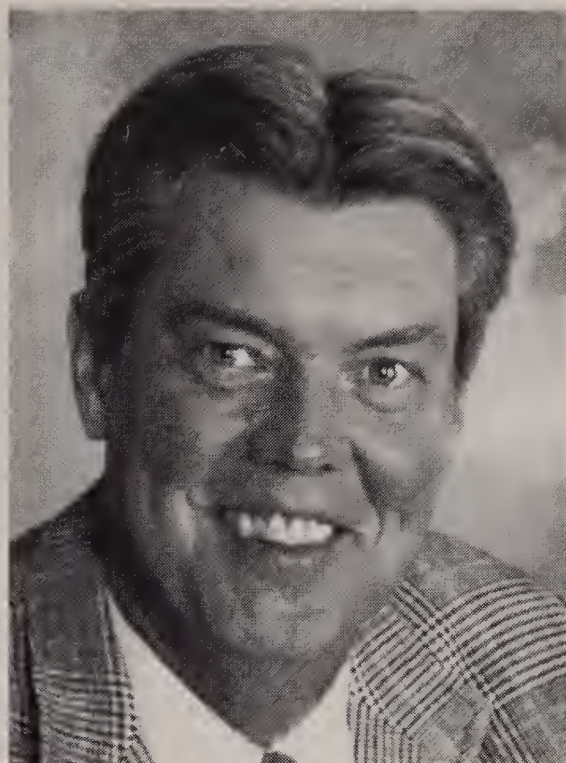


JOHN MERCER

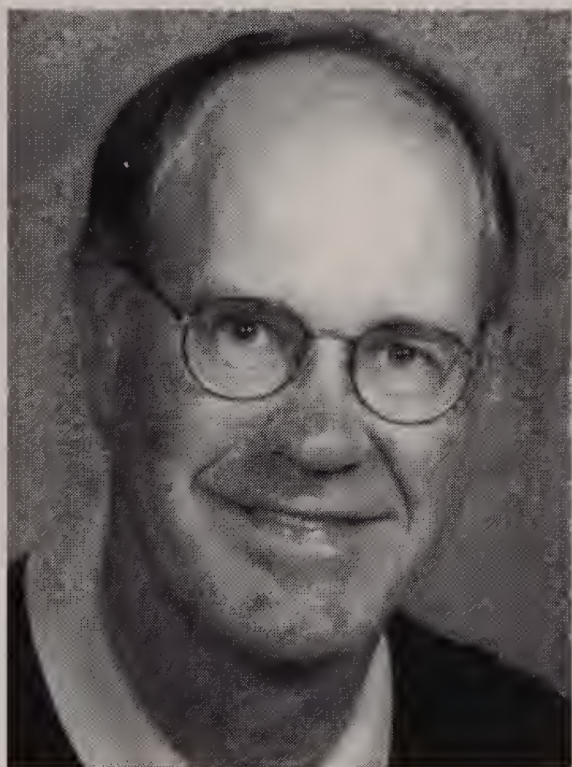
Speaker of the House of Representatives

John Mercer, Polson, District 74, Republican. Born Jan. 21, 1957 in Missoula, he attended Missoula and Polson schools, graduating from Polson High School in 1975. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in business from the University of Montana, Missoula, in 1979 and a juris doctor from Northwestern University in Chicago in 1982. The same year he went into private practice as an attorney in Polson. First elected in 1984, Mercer is currently serving his eighth term in the Montana House of Representatives. He was the minority whip in 1989-90, minority leader in 1991-92 and is in his fourth term as Speaker of the House, the position he was first elected to for the 1993 Legislative Session and which he has been elected to more times than anyone in Montana history. His wife Tina is a physical therapist, and they have two sons, Thomas and Michael.

Larry Grinde -- Lewistown, District 94, Republican. Born June 25, 1948 in Lewistown; Fergus County High School graduate, attended Montana State University and the University of Wyoming; rancher; Fergus County Republican Central Committee past chairman; served in House since 1987; minority whip, 1991-92; majority leader, 1993-94, 1995-96, 1997-98 and 1999-2000; he has two children.



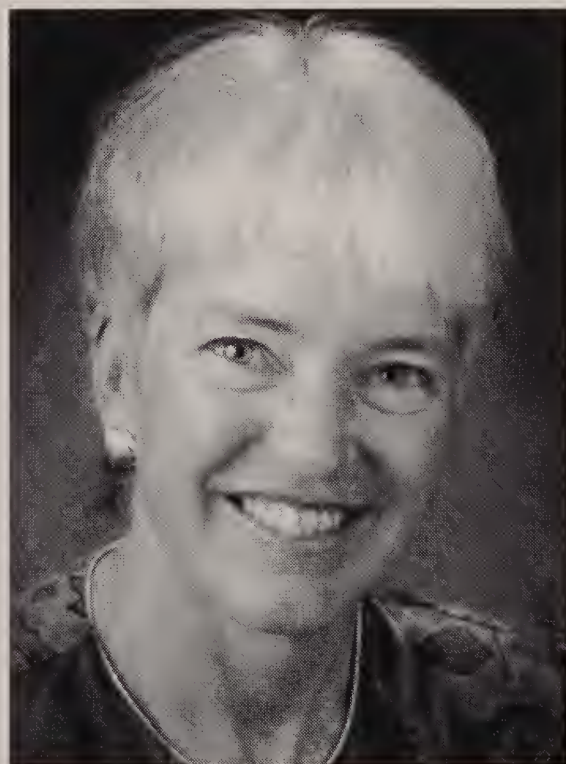
*Larry Grinde
Majority Leader*



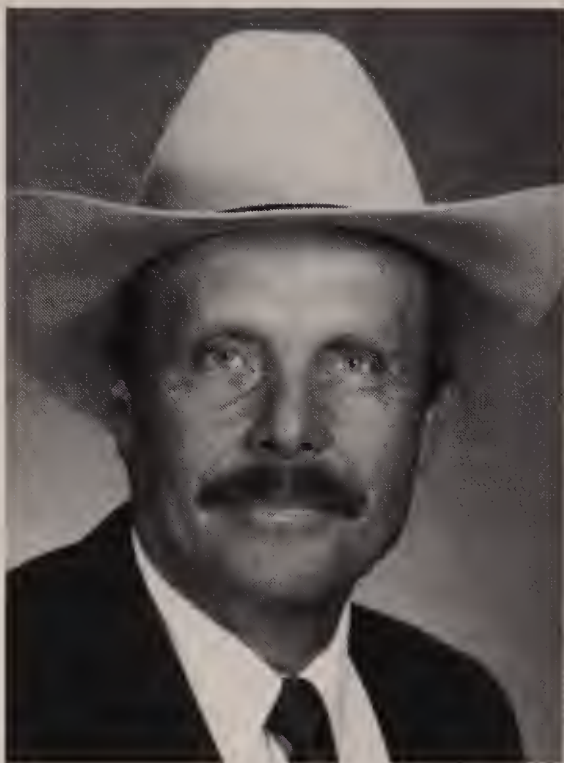
*Doug Mood
Speaker Pro Tempore*

Doug Mood - Seeley Lake, District 58, Republican. Born November 3, 1943 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and came to Montana in 1948; Missoula County High graduate; majored in English literature four years at University of Montana; sawmill vice president; Montana Chamber of Commerce member; NFIB member; White House Conference on Small Business, 1995; Site Selection Committee for Women's Prison; served in House since 1997. House Speaker Pro Tempore, 1999-2000; wife's name is Marion, they have four children.

Emily Swanson - Bozeman, District 30, Democrat. Born Jan. 12, 1947 in Oak Park, Illinois and came to Montana in 1969; Kent School, Denver, Colo.; B.A., political science, Bennington College, Vermont, M.A., environmental education, University of California, Berkeley; businesswoman; Private Land-Public Wildlife Council member; WICHE commissioner; served in House since 1993, House minority leader, 1999-2000; she has a son and a daughter.



*Emily Swanson
Minority Leader*



Karl Ohs
Majority Whip

Paul Sliter - Somers, District 76, Republican. Born May 5, 1969 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate; attended University of Montana; lumber-hardware business; various volunteer activities; served in House since 1995, majority whip, 1999-2000; wife's name is Elaine.



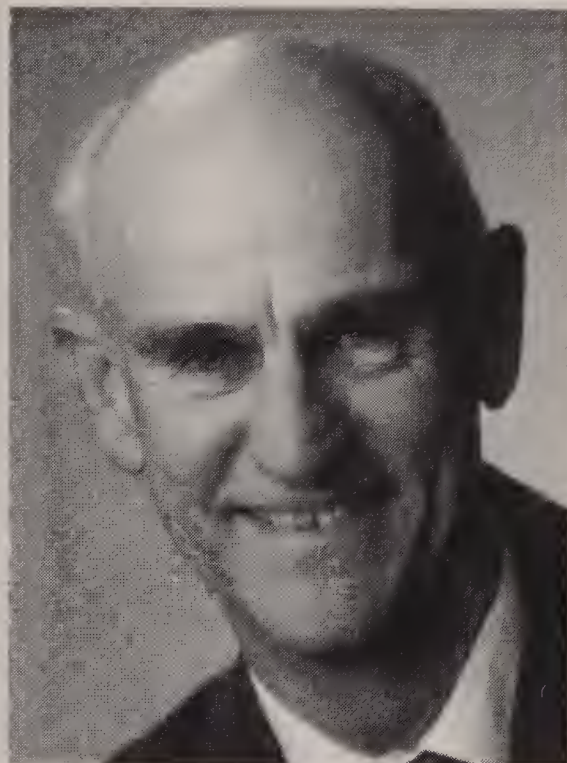
Paul Sliter
Majority Whip



Dan Harrington
Minority Whip

Dan W. Harrington - Butte, District 38, Democrat. Born Feb. 12, 1938 in Butte; attended Montana Tech; graduate, Western Montana College; teacher; Montana Constitutional Convention delegate, 1971-72; Silver Bow County Democratic chairman, 1971-present; served in House since 1977, majority whip, 1983-84; minority whip, 1995-96 and 1999-2000; wife's name is Pat, they have two sons and a daughter.

Darrel Adams - Columbia Falls, District 84, Republican. Born October 9, 1939 in Hillsboro, Oregon, and graduated from Hillsboro High; came to Montana in 1989; farmer and construction-related business; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 1997; wife's name is Lorena, they have seven children.



Darrel Adams



Chris Ahner

Chris Ahner - Helena, District 51, Republican. Born June 7, 1947 in Whitefish; Flathead High School graduate, attended Flathead Valley Community College, Montana State University and Miles Community College; homemaker and mother; served in House since 1995, Judiciary, Human Services and Aging, and Local Government committees; husband's name is Mark, they have four children, two daughters-in law and four granddaughters.

Joan Andersen - Fromberg, District 23, Republican. Born Jan. 22, 1937 in Fromberg; Fromberg High School graduate; B.S., elementary education from MSU-Billings; retired teacher; Carbon County Republican Central Committee chair; Fromberg United Methodist Church; Clark Fork Valley Museum treasurer; Cornelius Hedges Chapter 43, O.E.S.; served in House 1999; husband's name is Martin, they have a son, Victor, a daughter, Susan, and two grandchildren.



Joan Andersen



Shiell Anderson

Shiell W. Anderson - Livingston, District 25, Republican. Born Dec. 29, 1961 in Bozeman; Clyde Park High School graduate; B.A., political science, minor, business finance, Montana State University; J.D., University of Montana; rancher; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Kendra, they have a son Race.

Joe Barnett - Belgrade, District 32, Republican. Born August 4, 1929 in Manhattan; Manhattan High School graduate; B.S., health and physical education, M.Ed., Montana State University; retired Bozeman Senior High American History teacher; beekeeper; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in House since 1991; wife's name is Janelle, they have two sons and one daughter.



Joe Barnett



Beverly Barnhart

Beverly Barnhart - Bozeman, District 29, Democrat. Born Oct. 6, 1929 in Denver and came to Montana in 1974; attended University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, and Montana State University, B.A. in English and fine arts, M.A. in adult education; retired consultant; was director of a retired and senior volunteer program for 10 years and director of career transitions for two years; served in House since 1991; she has four daughters, a son and six grandchildren.

Gary Beck - Deer Lodge, District 56, Democrat. Born Feb. 14, 1939 in Anaconda; Anaconda High School graduate; B.A., sociology from University of Montana; retired from Montana Power Co.; former Deer Lodge Elementary School Board trustee; Montana Army National Guard; served in House 1991-92 and in 1999; wife's name is Beverly, they have two sons and a daughter.



Gary Beck



Ernest Bergsagel

Ernest Bergsagel - Malta, District 95, Republican. Born March 10, 1955 in Malta; Malta High School graduate; attended business college; farmer; Big Flat Electric Coop director, nine years, secretary, eight years; served in House since 1991; wife's name is Peggy.

Peggy Bergsagel - Billings, District 20, Republican. Born Oct. 18, 1953 in Great Falls; Hobson High School graduate; B.S., home economics, Montana State University, M.Ed. in school administration, Montana State University, M.Ed. in school counseling, Eastern Montana College; teacher; Montana Vocational Teacher Association board member; served in House since 1995; husband's name is Ernest.



Peggy Bergsagel



Rod Bitney

Rod Bitney - Kalispell, District 77, Republican. Born April 14, 1952 in Kalispell; Flathead High graduate; B.S. in Aerospace, Central Washington University; Village Green Golf Course marketing director, real estate broker; airline transport pilot; U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard pilot; served in House since 1997; wife's name is Patty, they have a daughter and a son.

Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke - Albion, District 71, Republican. Born November 15, 1934 in Argonia, Kansas; came to Montana in 1989; Wichita East High graduate; B.A. literature, Xavier College, Kansas City; retired; Mineral County Help Line for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Mineral Community Hospital Board trustee; Board of Crime Control member; Community Advisory Group member; United Methodist Church member; served in House since 1997; husband's name is Norman Reinicke, she has two grown children.



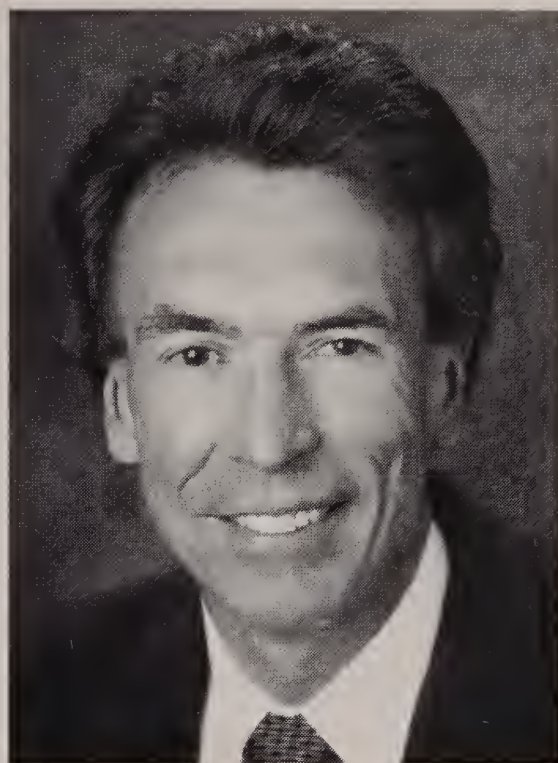
Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke



Matt Brainard

Matt Brainard - Florence, District 62, Republican. Born Feb. 15, 1948 in Painesville, Ohio, and moved to Montana permanently in 1969; attended the University of Idaho, B.S. in forestry, University of Montana; gunsmith; served in U.S. Army; served in House since 1995; wife's name is Penny, they have three children.

Roy Brown - Billings, District 14, Republican. Born Feb. 16, 1951 in Casper, Wyoming, and moved to Billings in 1955; Billings Central High School graduate; B.S. in petroleum engineering, Montana Tech, Butte; part-time consultant, real estate management, retired from petroleum industry; Midland Empire Pachyderm Club officer and board member; St. Thomas Church parish council; 1998 fund raising chairman for Billings Catholic schools; served in House 1999; wife's name is Kim, they have three children, Datie, Gillian and Roy, Jr.



Roy Brown



Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas

Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas - Missoula, District 65, Democrat. Born Feb. 6, 1948 in Helena; Helena Central High School graduate; B.A. in social work, University of Montana; Flagship Project program manager and office manager for Vince Buzzas, P.T.; Missoula City Council, three years; Missoula County Public Schools Board of Trustees, six years; Missoula City-County Planning Board, three years; St. Patrick Hospital Advisory Board; various community projects; served in House 1999; husband's name is Vince, they have two children, Aaron and Jocelyn.

Bob Clark - Ryegate, District 8, Republican. Born Jan. 15, 1942 in Anaconda; Anaconda High School graduate; retired Montana Highway Patrolman and part-time special deputy for U.S. Marshal; currently D.A.R.E. instructor in six central Montana counties; Ryegate School Board trustee, nine years; served in House since 1989, Highways and Transportation Committee chairman, 1993, Judiciary Committee chairman, 1995, 1997, 1999; wife's name is Nancy, they have two daughters.



Bob Clark



Edith J. Clark

Edith J. Clark - Sweetgrass, District 88, Republican. Born Jan. 16, 1943 in Okemah, Oklahoma, and came to Montana in 1953; North Toole County (Sunburst) High School graduate; R.N. Columbus School of Nursing, College of Great Falls; registered nurse and rancher; served in House 1999; husband's name is Jay, they have a foster daughter, two sons and two grandchildren.

Paul F. Clark - Trout Creek, District 72, Democrat. Born Oct. 30, 1950 in Morristown, N.J. and came to Montana in 1979; B.A. in environmental studies, teaching certificate, Rutgers University; director of wilderness program for teens; American Legion member, MFWP bow hunter education instructor, Little League coach, Swords of Sanders fencing team coach, Sanders County Community Theater member; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House 1999; wife's name is Cheryl DesMarais, they have two children, Stryker and Gunnar.



Paul F. Clark



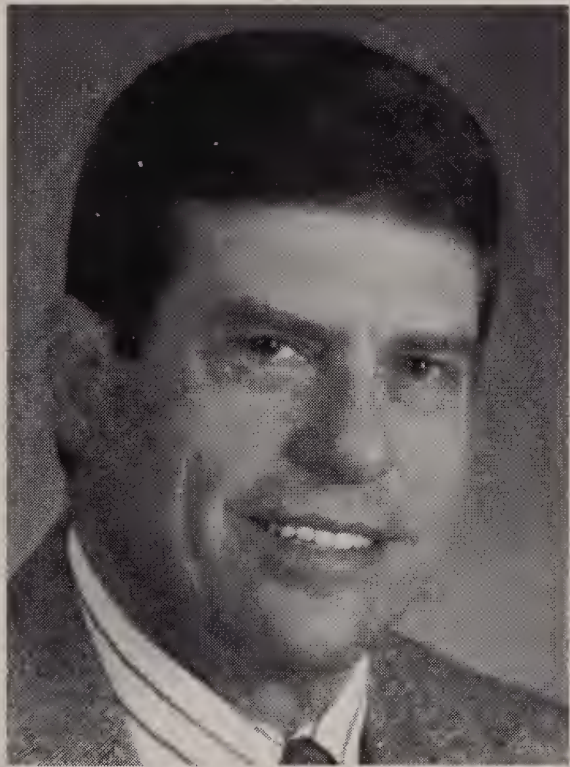
John Cobb

John Cobb - Augusta, District 50, Republican. Born Jan. 22, 1954 in Montana; attended Shahuck High School; B.A., economics, B.A., public administration, Montana State University; law degree, University of Montana; attorney-rancher; served in House since 1985, wife's name is Cheryl, and they have two children.

Aubyn Curtiss - Fortine, District 81, Republican. Born July 1, 1925 in Park City; Lincoln County High School graduate, attended the University of California at Los Angeles; tree buyer-broker; Lincoln County GOP chairman; Montana GOP past chairman; Montana's commissioner on White House Presidential Scholar's Commission; Lincoln County Planning Board past chairman; served in House 1977-83 and since 1995; husband's name is David, they have three children.



Aubyn Curtiss



Rick Dale

Rick Dale - Whitehall, District 39, Republican. Born March 14, 1948 in Sheridan; Twin Bridges High School graduate; B.S., M.S. in mining engineering, Montana Tech; Montana Tech Alumni Assn. president, Northwest Mining Assn. member, Montana Mining Assn. member, Young Life Leader, Montana Ambassador; served in House 1999; wife's name is JoAnn, they have three daughters.

Bob Davies - Bozeman, District 27, Republican. Born Feb. 24, 1936 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and came to Montana in 1966; BSEE, West Virginia University; retired; U.S. Marine Corps veteran; served in House 1999; wife's name is Kathy, they have two children, Deborah and Svellen.



Bob Davies



Thomas Dell

Thomas Dell - Billings, District 19, Democrat. Born Nov. 7, 1958 in Billings; Billings Central High School graduate; attended Carroll College, B.S. in business administration, M.S. in rehabilitation counseling from MSU-Billings; rehabilitation counselor and small business owner; Montana Assn. of Rehabilitation Billings chapter president; adjunct professor at MSU-Billings; served in House 1999; wife's name is Cindy Ann, they have two children, Megan and J.T.

William J. Eggers III - Crow Agency, District 6, Democrat. Born Feb. 18, 1939 in Oakland, California, and came to Montana in 1993; B.A., University of California, Berkeley; LL.B., LL.D., Hastings College of Law, San Francisco; attorney; former assistant U.S. Attorney and Special Deputy Attorney General, licensed to practice law in Hawaii, Montana, Crow Tribal, Northern Chyenne Tribal and U.S. courts; served in House 1999; wife's name is Margaret, they have four children.



William J. Eggers III



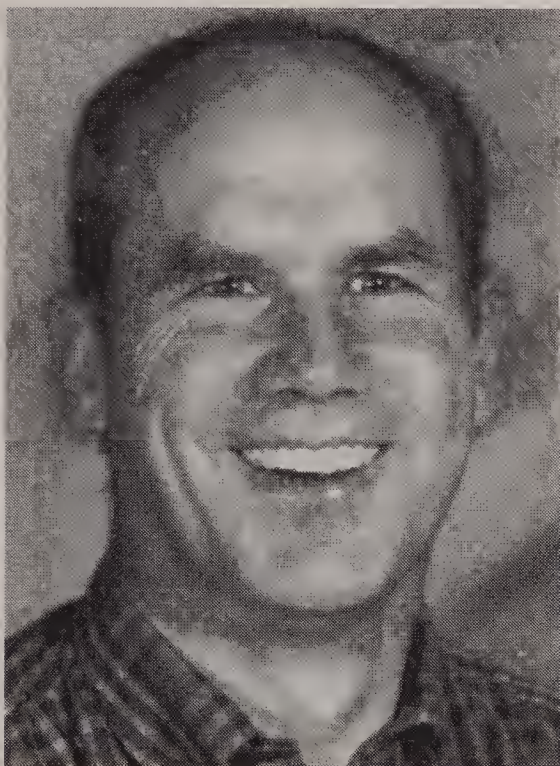
Ron Erickson

Ron Erickson - Missoula, District 64, Democrat. Born April 20, 1933 in Peoria, Illinois, and came to Montana in 1965; B.S. in chemistry, Bradley University, Ph.D. in organic chemistry, University of Iowa; retired University of Montana professor of environmental studies; community activist on pollution, land use and open space issues; served in House 1999; wife's name is Nancy, they have two daughters, Chris and Terrell.

David Ewer - Helena, District 53, Democrat. Born July 29, 1954 on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and came to Montana in 1985; B.A., economics, Northeastern University; M.A., city and regional planning, Harvard University; Montana Board of Investments senior bond program officer; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Gail Speck, they have two daughters.



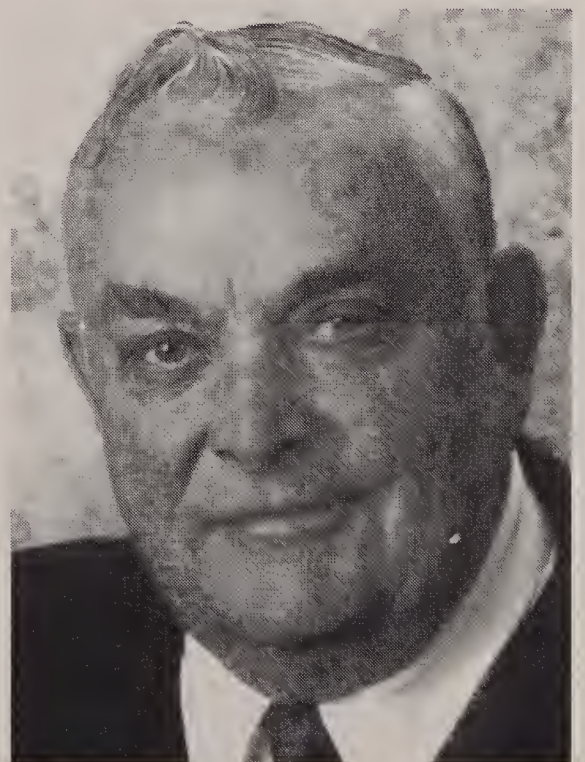
David Ewer



Tom Facey

Tom Facey - Missoula, District 67, Democrat. Born March 30, 1954 in Helena; Quartz Hill, (Lancaster, CA) High School graduate; B.A. in biology, M.Ed., University of Montana; teacher; grandmother Florence Kerr Facey served in House in 1923 as a representative from Phillips County (Malta); served in House 1999; wife's name is Maureen O'Malley.

Stan Fisher - Bigfork, District 75, Republican. Born Dec. 1, 1929 in Susanville, CA, and came to Montana in 1936; Helena High School graduate, attended Montana Tech; real estate broker and retired Exxon employee; Flathead Lake Methodist Youth Camp board trustee, Sturge-Weber Foundation, Mount Freedom, NJ, board member; Flathead County Republican Central Committee; served in Washington National Guard and Montana National Guard; served in House 1999; wife's name is Beverly, they have four children.



Stan Fisher



Daniel Fuchs

Daniel Fuchs - Billings, District 15, Republican. Born Aug. 16, 1958 in Billings; Billings West High School graduate; attended Rocky Mountain and Lewis-Clark State College in business and economics; broadcasting graduate, May Technical; industrial sales consultant; Billings Scarlets championship team, 1974 and 1976, team captain, 1976; served in House 1995-96 and 1999; he has two children, Ashley and C.C.



Steve Gallus

Steve Gallus - Butte, District 35, Democrat. Born April 8, 1972 in Butte; Butte High School graduate; attended Carroll College, B.A. in history, University of Portland; fly fishing guide; rural plunge volunteer program, Kids Day on the Big Hole volunteer guide, Phil Alpha Theta history scholar, Butte-Silver Bow County archives research assistant; served in House 1999; single.



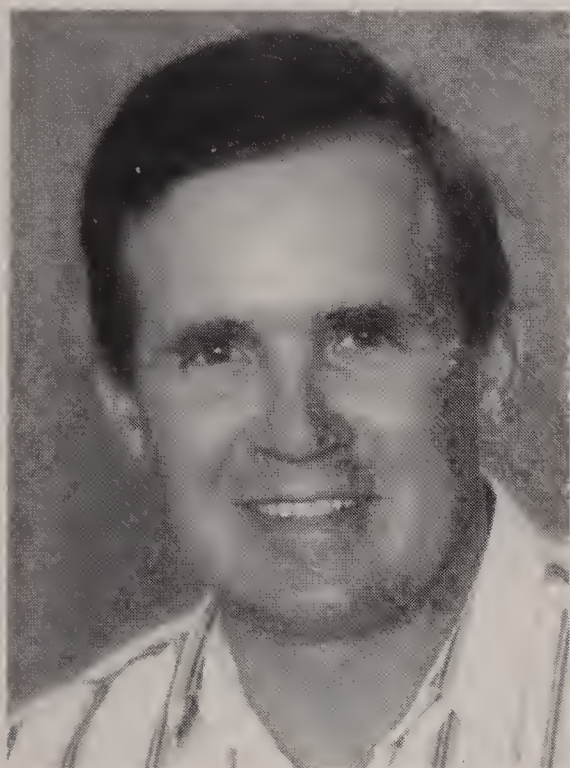
Kathleen Galvin-Halcro

Kathleen Galvin-Halcro - Great Falls, District 48, Democrat. Born Sept. 12, 1949 in Great Falls; Great Falls Central High School graduate; B.S.-IDST with history-social studies major, MSU-Northern; graduate studies MSU-Northern and University of Montana; teacher; Cascade County Democratic Central Committee Congressional Chairwoman; served in House 1999; she has three daughters, Erin Kristine, Leesa Kathleen and Casey Marie.

Kim Gillan - Billings, District 11, Democrat. Born December 10, 1951 in El Cerrito, Calif., and came to Montana in 1992; Presentation High School graduate; B.A., University of California Los Angeles; masters in regional planning, Cornell University; graduate work at George Washington University; business consultant; City of Billings Parks and Recreation Board; Heights Task Force; Alkali Creek PTA; Montana State PTA child safety chair; served in House since 1997; husband's name is Bill, they have a son and a daughter.



Kim Gillan



George Golie

George Golie - Great Falls, District 44, Democrat. Born Nov. 19, 1953 in Great Falls; Great Falls High School graduate; completed courses at Billings College of Technology and Missoula College of Technology; operating engineer; served in House 1999; wife's name is Gayla, they have two sons, Wesley and Clinton.



Mary Anne Guggenheim, M.D.

Mary Anne Guggenheim M.D. - Helena, District 55, Democrat. Born Nov. 11, 1935 in LaGrande, Oregon, and came to Montana in 1983; Yakima Sr. High School graduate; B.A., Willamette University, Salem, Oregon; M.D., Harvard Medical School, Boston; physician; Child Care Partnership, Helena, board of directors; Epilepsy Foundation of America, Landover, Maryland, board of directors; served in House 1999; she has a son, Dan, and a daughter, Sarah.



Gail Gutsche

Gail Gutsche - Missoula, District 66, Democrat. Born June 7, 1954 in St. Paul, MN, and came to Montana in 1992; B.A. in English, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN; business owner, development coordinator, freelance writer; MTNARAL past board chair; Missoula prochoice voter identification project coordinator. 1992 and 1994; Montana women's vote project statewide coordinator, 1995; Mount Jumbo vegetation management committee; served in House 1999; partner's name is Matt Thomas.



Antoinette R. "Toni" Hagener

Antoinette R. "Toni" Hagener - Havre, District 90, Democrat. Born Nov. 22, 1926 in Buffalo, N.Y., came to Montana in 1949; attended Colorado Springs High School, A.B., University of Denver; Hill County Commissioner, 1981-89, City of Havre Study Commission, 1974-76, School District Board of Trustees for seven years; served in House since 1995; widow, she has two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.



Dick Haines

Dick Haines - Missoula, District 63, Republican. Born Sept. 28, 1936 in Billings; Helena High School graduate; B.S. in mechanical engineering, Montana State University; retired forest service engineer; National Rifle Assn. member; served in House 1999; wife's name is Bunny, they have a daughter and a son.

Marian W. Hanson - Ashland, District 1, Republican. Born Jan. 17, 1933 in Santa Maria, California, and came to Montana in 1951; Custer County High School graduate; rancher; Local Government Study Commission county member; served in House since 1983, Dean of House Republicans, Speaker of the House Pro Tempore, 1993-94, 1995-96 and 1997-98; husband's name is Darrel, they have two sons and two daughters.



Marian W. Hanson



Hal Harper

Hal Harper - Helena, District 52, Democrat. Born Nov. 3, 1948 in Nashville, Tennessee, and came to Montana in 1954; Helena High graduate; B.S., philosophy, University of Montana; general contractor; served in House 1973-74 and since 1977; Environmental Quality Council, 1983-89; Democratic floor leader, 1985-86; majority leader, 1989-90; Speaker of the House, 1991-92; wife's name is Janet.

Donald L. Hedges - Antelope, District 97, Republican. Born Feb. 19, 1935 in Antelope; Antelope High School graduate; B.S., Montana State University; retired farmer and rancher; planning board, economic development board; conservation district supervisor; served in House 1999; wife's name is Ardythe, they have a son, Rom, and a daughter, Rhea.



Donald L. Hedges



Chase Hibbard

Chase Hibbard - Helena, District 54, Republican. Born June 22, 1948 in St. Paul, MN., and came to Montana as an infant; Helena High graduate; B.A., political science, Amherst College; graduate work, University of San Francisco; ranch owner-manager; Montana Taxpayers Assn. chairman; Montana Power board; Shodair Hospital board; Montana Woolgrowers Assn. board and president; served in House since 1993; he has two sons.

John L. Holden - Valier, District 86, Republican. Born July 10, 1938 in Bozeman; Valier High School graduate; B.S. in animal science, M.S. in agronomy, Montana State University; rancher; Valier School Board trustee, nine years; Montana Stockgrower's Assn. board, six years; Teton-Pondera Farm Bureau and Montana Polled Herford Assn. past president; Valier Area Development Corp past director and officer; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 1999; wife's name is Linda, they have four children, Laura, Jack, David and Janelle, and five grandchildren.



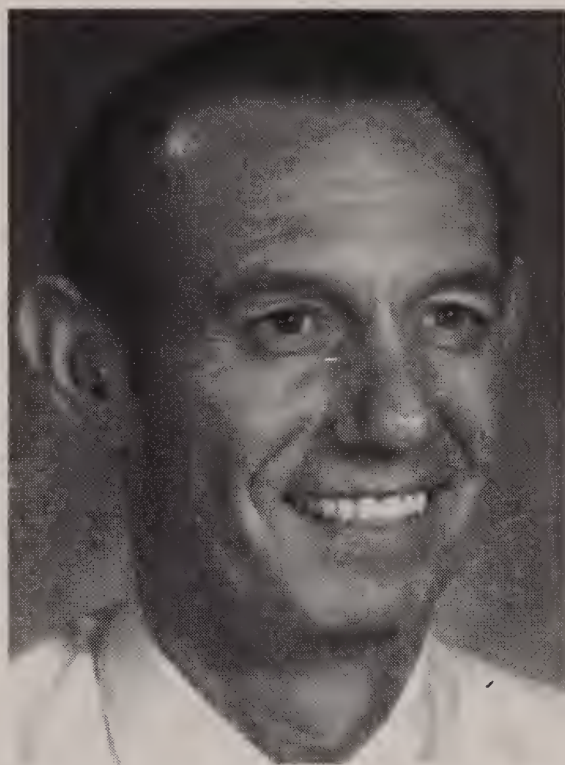
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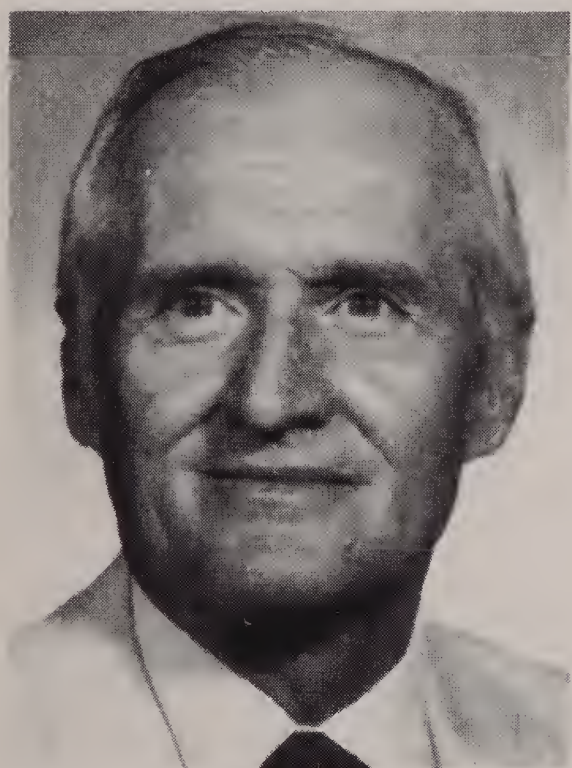
Joan Hurdle

Joan Hurdle - Billings, District 13, Democrat. Born Aug. 21, 1931 in Glendive; Dawson County High School graduate; B.S. in elementary education, and M.S. in special education from Eastern Montana College; administrative endorsement, Montana State University; retired teacher and administrator; taught in California, Washington and Wyoming and returned to Montana in 1974, retiring from the Colstrip School District in 1991; served in House since 1995; she has three grown sons.

Verdell Jackson - Kalispell, District 79, Republican. Born April 1, 1941 in Cortez, Colorado and came to Montana in 1991; Delores County High School (Dove Creek, Co) graduate; B.S., in business, University of Colorado; M.A. in business education, Arizona State; educational specialist in vocational education, Auburn University; semi-retired rancher, retired high school and college teacher; Juneau, AK, chair, energy advisory committee, 13 years; served in House 1999; wife's name is Linda, they have a daughter.



Verdell Jackson



Royal Johnson

Royal Johnson - Billings, District 10, Republican. Born May 2, 1925 in Hettinger, North Dakota and came to Montana in 1931; Butte High School graduate; B.A., business, University of Montana; graduate work, Wharton School of Finance and Northwestern University; investment management; Billings City Council, 1977-81; U.S. Army Air Force World War II veteran; served in House since 1991; wife's name is Norma, they have one daughter and three sons.

Rick Jore - Ronan, District 73, Republican. Born Dec. 21, 1956 in Ronan; Ronan High School graduate; A.A. business administration, North Idaho College; aqua-culture and manufacturing; served in since House 1995; wife's name is Nancy, they have five children.



Rick Jore



Carol Juneau

Carol Juneau - Browning, District 85, Democrat. Born April 5, 1945 in Elbowoods, ND, and came to Montana in 1969; Santa Clara (CA) High School graduate; business diploma, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas; B.A., psychology-sociology, Eastern Montana College; M.E., school administration, University of Montana; education consultant; Montana Indian Education Assn. director; Montana Indian Democrats Council chair; served in House 1999; husband's name is Stan, they have three children, Denise, Ron and Ev, and two grandchildren.

Betty Lou Kasten - Brockway, District 99, Republican. Born April 6, 1938 in Sharon, Penn., and moved to Montana in 1963; Brookfield, Ohio, High School graduate; B.A., botany, Phi Beta Kappa, University of Denver; M.S., ecology, University of Denver; rancher-farmer; Mid-River Telephone Board; Montana Health Systems Agency Eastern Sub-Area Council; served in House since 1989; husband's name is Dave, they have a daughter and a son.



Betty Lou Kasten



Sam L. Kitzenberg

Sam L. Kitzenberg - Glasgow, District 96, Republican. Born July 25, 1947 in Williston, N.D.; and came home to Plentywood as an infant; Plentywood High School graduate; B.A. in education, University of Montana; high school English teacher; former Boys State governor and Boys Nation senator, page in Montana House, 1963; served in House since 1995; wife's name is Ronnie, they have two sons and two daughters.

Billie Krenzler - Billings, District 17, Democrat. Born July 18, 1937 in Worden; Billings Senior High graduate; A.A., business, MSU-Billings; human services administrator; Billings City Council, eight years; Billings deputy mayor, two years; United Way Board; Montana Tradeport Board; Deaconess Billings Clinic Health Systems Board; Governor's Advisory Council on Community Services; volunteer for YWCA and Moss Mansion Task Forces; Christ the King Lutheran Church member; served in House since 1997; husband's name is Albert, they have a son and a daughter.



Billie Krenzler



Bob Lawson

Bob Lawson - Whitefish, District 80, Republican. Born September 24, 1943 in Wichita, Kansas and came to Montana in 1947; Whitefish High graduate; B.A. in secondary education, M.Ed., and doctoral study, University of Montana; retired educator; Whitefish Credit Union Credit Committee chairman; Whitefish Fire Service Area trustee; member of Whitefish Moose Club, Kiwanis, Whitefish Historical Society, Whitefish Chamber Ambassadors and American Legion Post 108; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 1997; wife's name is Dyan, they have two children.



Ralph Lenhart

Ralph Lenhart - Glendive, District 2, Democrat. Born Oct. 18, 1930 in Wisconsin and came to Montana in 1960; Oaks, ND, High School graduate; B.S., Ellendale, ND, Teachers College; M.A., University of North Dakota; graduate work, University of Wyoming, University of Washington, University of Oregon; retired college math teacher; Glendive Elementary board, six years; Zion Lutheran Church past president; Dawson Community College Foundation director; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 1999 wife's name is Shirley, they have a son and a daughter.



Monica Lindeen

Monica Lindeen - Huntley, District 7, Democrat. Born May 16, 1962 in Ogden, Utah, and came to Montana in 1973; Shepherd High School graduate; B.S. in English-history and M.Ed. Montana State University-Billings; business owner - Montana Communications Network; Montana Democratic Party vice chair; MSU-Billings Foundation board of directors; Huntley Water district director; Northern Plains Resource Council member; served in House 1999; husband's name is David, she has a daughter and two stepsons.

Jeff Mangan - Great Falls, District 45, Democrat. Born July 26, 1964 in Miles City; Helena High School graduate; B.S., elementary education, MSU-Northern; dispute resolution, Humboldt State University, graduate program at MSU-Northern; CEO, Mountain Peaks Inc., a juvenile offender and at-risk youth program and consulting; St. Thomas Child & Family governing board member, Child and Family Alliance, Community Youth Justice Council, Special Olympics Montana; served in House 1999; wife's name is Lisa, they have a daughter, Taylor.



Jeff Mangan



Gay Ann Masolo

Gay Ann Masolo - Townsend, District 40, Republican. Born June 24, 1942 in Townsend; Broadwater County High School and Carroll College graduate, M.Ed., Northern Montana College; retired elementary teacher, involved in agriculture; secretary-treasurer of Broadwater Republican Central Committee; served in House since 1995; husband's name is Bob, they have a son.

Gary Matthews - Miles City, District 4, Democrat. Born Feb. 10, 1951 in Miles City; Custer County High School graduate; A.A., Miles Community College; correctional officer at Pine Hills School and former small businessman; active in various youth organizations and activities; U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran; served in House 1999; he has two children, Barrie and Phillip.



Gary Matthews



Matt McCann

Matt McCann - Harlem, District 92, Democrat. Born Aug. 22, 1961 in Havre; Harlem High School graduate, attended the University of Montana; rancher; Harlem School Board, 1992-94; SCS Committee, 1984-present; Harlem Ditch Board, 1986-present; served in House since 1995; wife's name is Laura, they have four children.



Linda H. McCulloch

Linda H. McCulloch - Missoula, District 70, Democrat. Born Dec. 21, 1954 in Springfield, Ohio, and came to Montana in 1978; B.S. and master's degrees from the University of Montana; elementary school librarian; served in House since 1995; husband's name is Bill.



Daniel W. McGee

Daniel W. McGee - Laurel, District 21, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1947 in Shreveport, LA., and came to Montana in 1974; Natrona County High School, Casper, Wyo., graduate; B.S., geology, Louisiana State University, graduate work at the University of Montana; self-employed land surveyor and geologist; served in U.S. Air Force as first lieutenant; served in House since 1995; wife's name is LaRae, they have three daughters.

Joe McKenney - Great Falls, District 49, Republican. Born April 18, 1958 in Boston and came to Montana in 1974; Billings West High School graduate; attended University of Montana; amusement-gaming route operator; Great Falls Pachyderm club past president; Amusement and Music Operators Assn. director; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House 1999; wife's name is Brandy, they have three children, Nick, Cheryl and Katie.



Joe McKenney



William "Red" Menahan

William "Red" Menahan - Anaconda, District 57, Democrat. Born August 16, 1935 in Anaconda; bachelor's degree, Carroll College; M.Ed., Western Montana College; retired teacher, school principal; served in House since 1971; minority whip, 1981-82; Legislative Council chairman 1995-96; wife's name is Shirley, they have two sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren .

Brad Molnar - Laurel, District 22, Republican. Born April 12, 1950 in Walkerton, Indiana and came to Montana in 1968 to study forestry at University of Montana; contractor-grain storage; hobby is hunting; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Denise, they have three children.



Brad Molnar



Mark E. Noennig

Mark E. Noennig - Billings, District 9, Republican. Born Nov. 19, 1947 in Minneapolis and came to Montana in 1948; Billings Senior High School graduate; B.S. in aerospace and mechanical engineering, Montana State University-Bozeman; J.D., University of Montana; attorney; Yellowstone County, Montana, American Bar Assns., Yellowstone County Settlement Masters Panel, arbitrator-mediator, American Arbitration Assn.; served in House 1999; partner's name is Sharon Grubbs, he has two "stepdaughters" and one "stepson".



Scott J. Orr

Scott J. Orr - Libby, District 82, Republican. Born Oct. 8, 1951 in Libby; Libby High School graduate, heavy equipment extension Texas A&M; waste services business owner; U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Rita; they have a son and a daughter.



Robert J. Pavlovich

Robert J. Pavlovich - Butte, District 37, Democrat. Born June 6, 1929 in Butte; attended Butte schools; semi-retired small business owner; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 1979; Business and Economic Development Committee chairman, 1985 and 1989; wife's name is Kathleen, they have two sons and four daughters.



Ray Peck

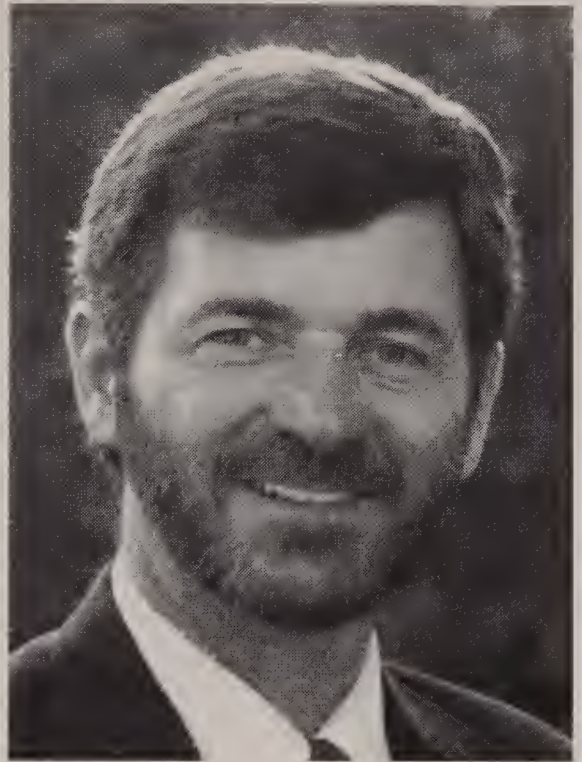
Ray Peck - Havre, District 91, Democrat. Born June 23, 1926 in Whitefish; B.A., College of Great Falls; M.Ed., University of Montana; Ed.D., Montana State University; retired; vice chairman, Montana Advocacy board; White House Conference on Handicapped; Class AA Administrators past president; College of Great Falls Alumni Award, 1966; U.S. Army Air Force veteran; served in House since 1983; minority leader, 1995-96; wife's name is Betty, they have seven children.



Joe Quilici

Joe Quilici - Butte, District 36, Democrat. Born July 6, 1925 in Butte; attended Montana State University; retired glazier, Quilici Glass; World War II veteran; served in House since 1971; Montana Consumer Council Committee chairman; Democratic whip, 1985-86; minority whip, 1987-88; majority whip, 1989-90; wife's name is Georgia Ann, they have two sons and three daughters.

Bob Raney - Livingston, District 26, Democrat. Born July 20, 1945 in Michigan City, Indiana, and came to Montana the same year; Park County High School graduate; B.S., earth science, Montana State University; retail business owner; Vietnam veteran, awarded Bronze Star; served in House since 1985; Natural Resources Committee chairman, 1989-92; wife's name is Jeanne-Marie Souvigney, they have two daughters.



Bob Raney



William Rehbein, Jr.

William Rehbein, Jr. - Lambert, District 100, Republican. Born Feb. 15, 1948 in Jamestown, N.D. and came to Montana in 1950; Lambert High School graduate, attended Dawson Community College and Eastern Montana College; farmer-rancher; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Christina, they have two sons and two daughters.

John M. "Sam" Rose - Choteau, District 87, Republican. Born Oct. 12, 1929 in Choteau; Choteau High School graduate; B.S., zoology and entomology, Montana State University; rancher and retired teacher; Museum of the Rockies Regional Advisory Board member; Teton County Planning Board past chairman; Montana Farm Bureau board; Montana Stockgrowers Assn. member; Police Commission chairman; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Beverly, they have two children.



John M. "Sam" Rose



Brennan Ryan

Brennan Ryan - Great Falls, District 41, Democrat. Born June 17, 1961 in Seattle and came to Montana in 1973; Great Falls High School graduate; attended University of Great Falls; wholesale grocery warehousing; Centerville PTA, Miner Booster Club, Cascade County Democratic Central Committee member; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House 1999; wife's name is Lisa, they have three children, Brittney, Neil and Haylee.

Trudi Schmidt - Great Falls, District 42, Democrat. Born December 7, 1938 in Butte; Missoula County High School graduate; B.S. and M.S., University of Montana; pregnancy adoption counselor and Great Falls area coordinator for Lutheran Social Services of Montana; active in several community organizations including Youth Justice Council, HANDS board president, AAUW and church; served in House 1997; husband's name is Del, they have a daughter and a son.



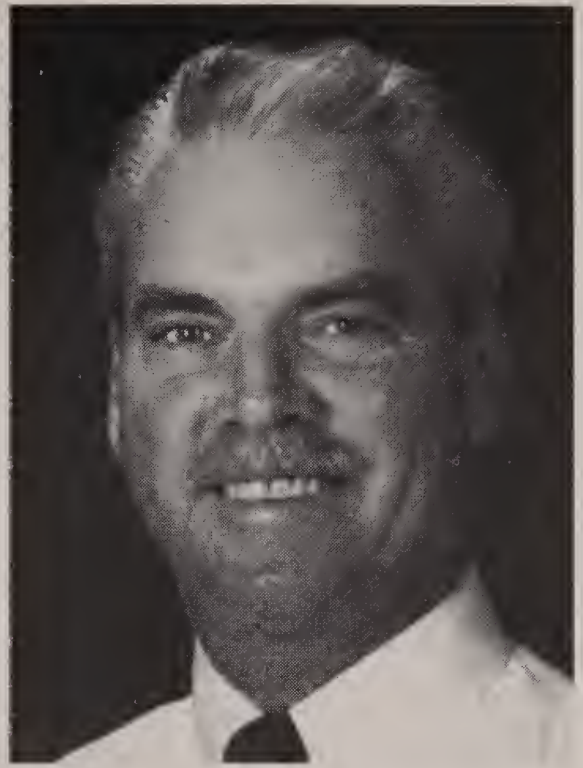
Trudi Schmidt



Jim Shockley

Jim Shockley - Victor, District 61, Republican. Born Sept. 12, 1944 in Luke Field, Arizona, and first came to Montana in 1946; Jeb Stuart High School (Falls Church, VA), graduate; B.A., J.D., University of Montana, attorney; Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, VFW and American Legion member; Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart; U.S. Marine Corps veteran; served in House 1999; wife's name is Marilee.

Bruce T. Simon - Billings, District 18, Republican. Born Jan. 20, 1942 in Billings; Billings Senior High School graduate; B.S., commerce, B.S., construction technology, M.S., marketing management, Montana State University; businessman-consultant; served in House 1985-90 and since 1993; wife's name is Sharon, they have three children.

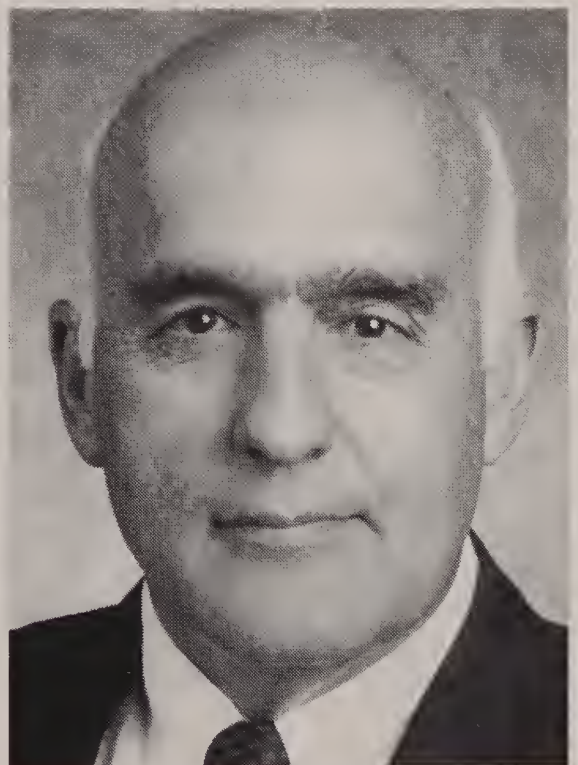


Bruce T. Simon



Frank J. Smith

Frank J. Smith - Poplar, District 98, Democrat. Born Sept. 27, 1942 in Poplar; Poplar High School graduate; attended numerous fire fighting and photo recon schools in military; law enforcement training, Dawson College; self-employed; Montana Hospital Advisory Board, two terms; Boy Scout leader, nine years; EMT, eight years; American Red Cross instructor, four years; veteran; served in House 1999; wife's name is Clarena, they have a son and three daughters.



Loren L. Soft

Loren L. Soft - Billings, District 12, Republican. Born April 23, 1942 in Williston, N.D., came to Montana as an infant; Richey High School graduate; B.S. in business education and M.S. in counseling, Montana State University-Billings (EMC); CEO-Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch; served in House since 1995; wife's name is Janice, two daughters.



Roger Somerville

Roger Somerville - Kalispell, District 78, Republican. Born May 18, 1947 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate; B.S. in civil engineering, Montana State University; civil engineer; Glacier National Park Associates board, Flathead County DUI Task Force, NRA; U.S. Army retired Lieutenant Colonel; served in Montana House 1995-96 and 1999; single.

Carolyn Squires - Missoula, District 68, Democrat. Born Sept. 25, 1940 in Whitefish; attended Everett and Seattle, Washington, schools; A.A., arts and sciences, Everett Junior College; LPN, Missoula Vo-Tech; licensed practical nurse; served in House since 1987; husband's name is Harold, they have two sons.



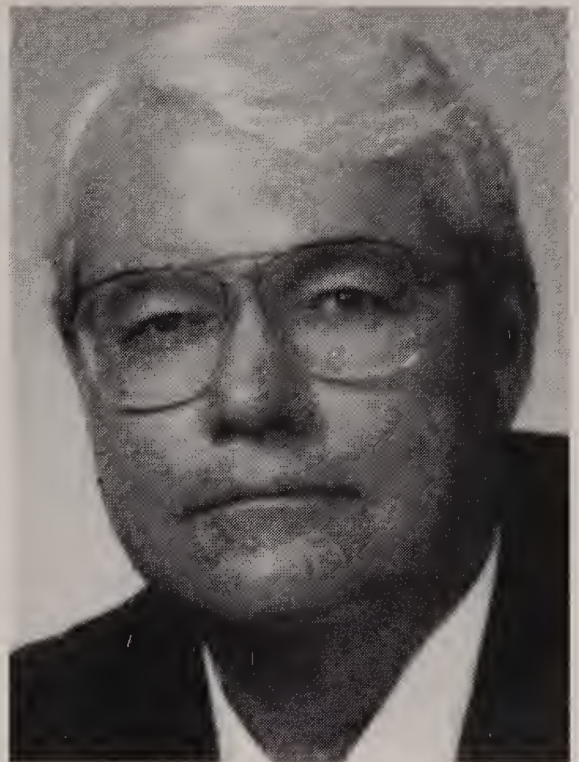
Carolyn Squires



Robert R. Story, Jr.

Robert R. Story Jr. - Park City, District 24, Republican. Born Dec. 10, 1952 in Billings; Park City High School graduate; B.S. agricultural education, Montana State University; farmer-rancher; Park City School Board trustee, Stillwater Conservation District; served in House since 1995; he has three children.

Jay Stovall - Billings, District 16, Republican. Born March 2, 1940 in Billings; rancher; USDA Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity; White House Conference on Indian Education Citizens Advisory Committee; Burial Preservation Board; 1989 Montana Centennial Cattle Drive trail boss; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Juanita, they have three sons.



Jay Stovall



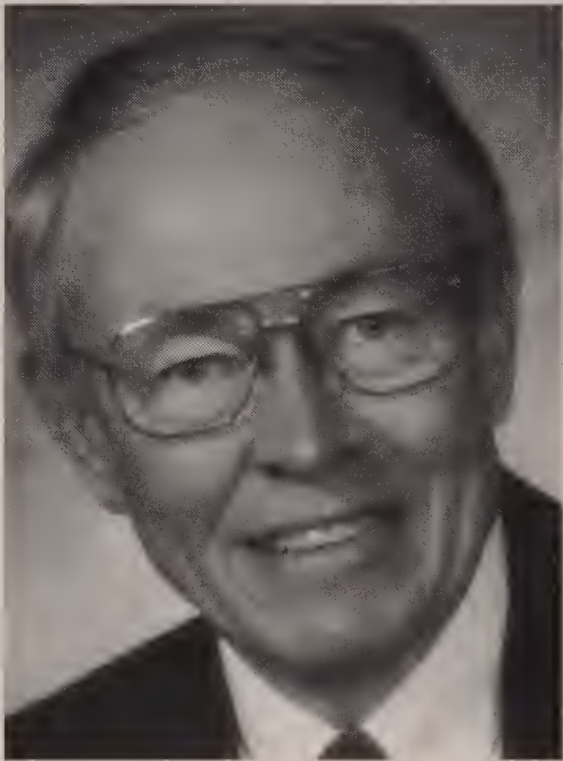
Bill Tash

Bill Tash - Dillon, District 34, Republican. Born August 21, 1932 in Dillon; Beaverhead County High School graduate; attended Western Montana College and Montana State University; rancher; Barrett Hospital board; Montana Hospital Association trustee; American Hospital Association trustee delegate; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Marlene, they have three sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

Lila V. Taylor - Busby, District 5, Republican. Born Jan. 11, 1949 in Roundup; Roundup High School graduate; B.S. agricultural business, Montana State University; rancher; Kirby School Board member, seven years; served in House since 1995; husband's name is Watty, they have three sons.



Lila V. Taylor



Bill Thomas

Bill Thomas - Hobson, District 93, Republican. Born Nov. 9, 1935 in Missoula; Helena High School graduate; B.S. Montana State University, D.D.S., Northwestern University School of Dentistry, Chicago; retired rancher-dentist; Montana Board of Dentists past president; City of Billings Board of Health, Montana and American Dental Assns., Central Montana Medical Center Board of Directors, Church Youth Group and Boy Scout leader; served in U.S. Public Health Service; served in House 1999; wife's name is Janet, they have a son and a daughter.

Cliff Trexler - Corvallis, District 59, Republican. Born Jan. 15, 1933 in Choteau; Choteau High School graduate, B.S., Montana State University; real estate broker and auctioneer; Ravalli County Fair Board chairman; served in House since 1995; wife's name is Jane, they have two sons, one daughter.



Cliff Trexler



Joseph "Joe" Tropila

Joseph "Joe" Tropila - Great Falls, District 47, Democrat. Born May 31, 1935 in Jersey City, N.J. and came to Montana in 1955; B.S. biology, chemistry/education, University of Great Falls; retired; teacher, natural gas engineer and restaurant-lounge owner; Cascade County Clerk and Recorder, 1981-93; U.S. Air Force Korean Conflict veteran; served in House 1975-80 and since 1993; wife's name is Mary, they have four children and five grandchildren.

Carley Tuss - Great Falls, District 46, Democrat. Born Jan. 7, 1947 in Great Falls; Great Falls Central High School graduate; B.S., nursing, Montana State University; graduate work, Fordham University, New York City; registered nurse, working in the field of risk management and safety; served in House since 1993; single.



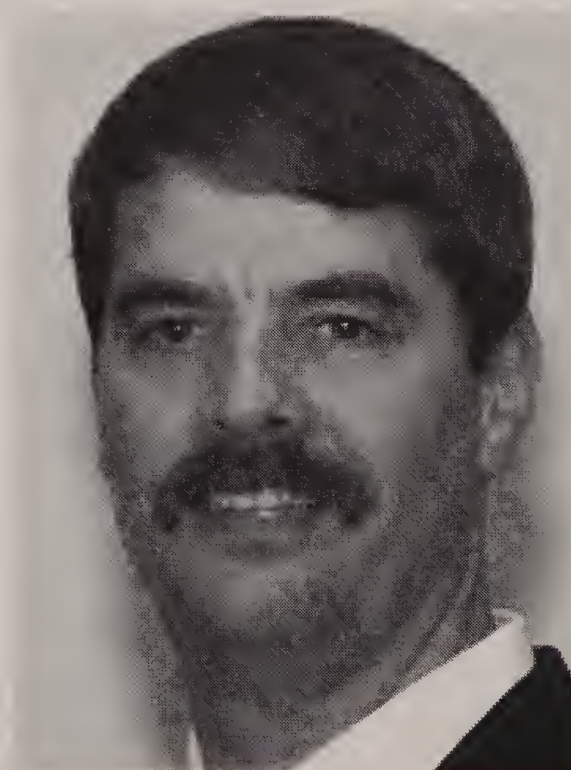
Carley Tuss



Steven J. Vick

Steven J. Vick - Belgrade, District 31, Republican. Born May 23, 1956 in Great Falls; Power High School graduate; B.S. engineering, Montana State University; owner of Vick Construction, a home remodeling and construction business; served in House since 1995; wife's name is Cheryl, they have three sons.

Douglas T. Wagner - Hungry Horse, District 83, Republican. Born Sept. 6, 1954 in Whitefish; Columbia Falls High School graduate; lead millwright at Plum Creek Columbia Falls Plywood; Hungry Horse Water and Sewer District Board past president, current board member; Hungry Horse Volunteer fireman, 20 years; Montanans for Multiple Use past president and current member; served in House since 1993; wife's name is Peggy, they have a son, Jon, and two daughters, Laura and Jenni.



Douglas T. Wagner



Allan Walters

Allan Walters - Hamilton, District 60, Republican. Born December 22, 1941 in Wisconsin and came to Montana in 1982; West Bend, Wisconsin, High School graduate; self-employed businessman; Scout leader 12 years; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 1997; wife's name is Carol, they have a daughter.

Carol Griffith Williams - Missoula, District 69, Democrat. Born Feb. 3, 1943 in Butte; Butte High School graduate; B.S. in education, Western Montana College; community volunteer; Montana Every Child by Two Immunization Project Co-chair, Montana Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies board, Montana Rural Policy Institute board; Missoula United Way marketing committee, Carousel for Missoula board, Habitat for Humanity board; Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers; served in House 1999; husband's name is Pat, they have three children, Griff, Erin and Whitney.



Carol Griffith Williams



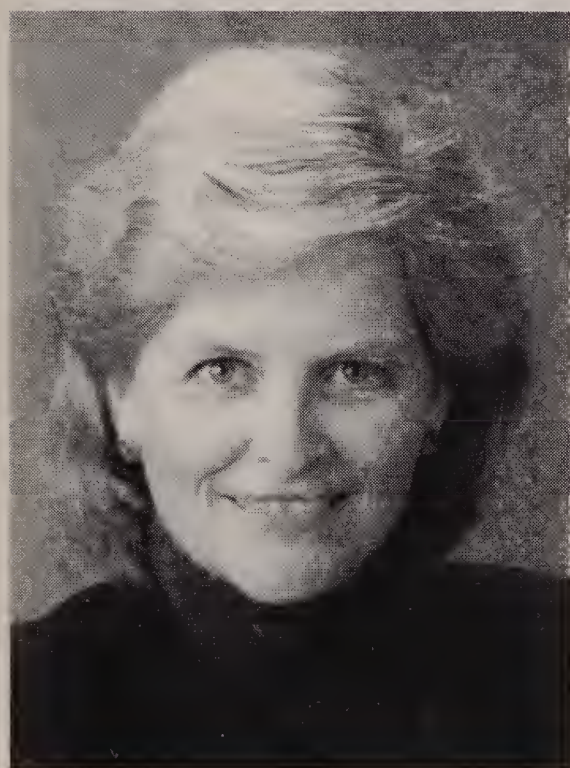
John E. Witt

John E. Witt - Carter, District 89, Republican. Born June 4, 1942 in Conrad; Augusta High School graduate; farmer-rancher; Chouteau County Commissioner, 12 years; Montana Assn. of Counties past president; National Assn. of Counties board of directors, Ag and Rural Affairs Steering Committee chair, Fund for Rural America advisory committee; former Chouteau County Fair Board, Weed Board, and ASCS Committee chairman; served in House 1999; wife's name is Joanne, they have three children, Steven, Jonna and Todd, and six grandchildren.

Diana Wyatt - Great Falls, District 42, Democrat. Born August 25, 1947 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and came to Montana in 1974; bachelor's, biology, Radford University, Virginia; master's, counseling, Niagara University, New York; coordinator of special services, MSU College of Technology, Great Falls; served in House since 1989; husband's name is Michael, they have a daughter.



Diana Wyatt



Cindy Younkin

Cindy Younkin - Bozeman, District 28, Republican. Born Oct. 30, 1958 in Nebraska and came to Montana in 1964; Manhattan High School graduate, B.S., in microbiology, Montana State University; J.D., Lewis & Clark College, Portland; attorney; U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Fiji Island, 1984-86; Montana Board of Environmental Review chair, 1995-98; Gallatin Empire Lions Club since 1990; United Way Allocations Committee since 1993; served in House 1999; husband's name is Terry Koral.

Tom Zook - Miles City, District 3, Republican. Born Jan. 29, 1932 in Miles City; Custer County High School graduate; rancher; school board trustee, nine years; Miles City PCA director, nine years; Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Spokane, advisory board member; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Isabel, they have five daughters and two sons.



Tom Zook

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